IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BARBARA E. VARNER,

Plaintiff, . CIVIL ACTION

NO. 1:CV 01-0725

VS.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, . (JUDGE YVETTE KANE)

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY; CUMBERLAND

COUNTY; S. GARETH GRAHAM,

Individually, and JOSEPH

OSENKARSKI, individually,

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Deposition of: BARBARA E. VARNER

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	1		BARBARA E. VARNER, recalled as a witness,	
	2		previously sworn, testified further, as follows:	
	3	BY MI	R. ADAMS:	
	4	Q	Good morning, Ms. Varner.	
	5	Α.	Good morning.	
	6	Q	My name is Paul Lancaster Adams and I represent J	oe
	7		Osenkarski in this case. I can tell you that I'm	going
	8		to be very short, especially, in comparison to	
I'm	9		yesterday's examination of you. That's probably	why
	10		going first.	
	11		I do want you to please keep in mind the	
	12		instructions given to you yesterday by Jim Thomas	. Do
	13		you remember those instructions in terms of how t	he
	14		deposition is conducted from yesterday morning?	
	15	Α.	Yes, I do.	
	16	Q	Okay. One thing I do want to add, that as explai	ned to
today,	17		me this morning, that as part of the instructions	
that	18		and I ask that you also consider them as yesterda	У,

	19		if I ask you a question, you understand I'm going to
	20		assume that you understood my question and that you're
	21		answering correctly. Is that okay?
	22	Α.	(Witness nodded head affirmatively.)
	23	Q	At least to the best of your knowledge?
	24	Α.	(Witness nodded head affirmatively.)
it	25	Q	Also, you have to say something verbal so she can get
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	1		typed down.
	2	Α.	Yes. I'm sorry.
	3	Q	There were some questions asked by Jim Thomas yesterday
	4		that I'm going to remind you of today just to have you
that	5		either elaborate on them or explain more fully. Is
	6		okay?
	7	Α.	That's right. That's fine.
	8	Q	I'd like to start off with some of those questions.
	9		Yesterday you testified that for the first year and a
	10		half with the probationary department, the Probation
	11		Department, excuse me, Joe Osenkarski was very
	12		complimentary of your work. Do you remember saying
	13		that?
	14	Α.	He didn't appear to find any problems with my work.

Q Okay. And can you explain what you mean by

	16		complimentary of your work?
	17	Α.	My first evaluation I received from Joe I had worked
	18		with the grant for Family Preservation, he had told me
	19		during my first evaluation he was pleased with how that
	20		program was going. It was a one-year grant at that
	21		time, and he was pleased with my work.
	22		If I turned in a file to Joe, I really had no
started	23		problems with that. Joe was fair. When I first
	24		Probation I was very pleased with Joe. His criticism
	25		was not even he really was not a critical type

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2		very appropriate way. No, I had no problems with Joe
3		when I would turn cases over to him, just to approve,
4		that kind of thing.
5	Q	Okay. Did that understanding of Joe's complimentary,
6		complimenting of your work, last your entire stay with
7		the Probation Department, including up to current
8		status?
9	Α.	My evaluations from Joe have always been okay, they've
10		been fine. Joe as the chief, he's not the one doing my
11		major evaluations now, he's part of it. But my
12		evaluations, the last one I had was done by Hank
13		Thielemann and Tom Boyer, and then Joe signed as well,

person. He would make adjustments, corrections, in a

14 as chief.

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	15	Q	When did Mr. Osenkarski stop doing your evaluation:	s?
	16	A.	Mr. Osenkarski has always been part of my evaluation	ons
	17		because he is the chief, so he still has to sign of	ff on
	18		them. And I'm sure he's told, you know, informed	of
	19		what my evaluation is. So he's still involved.	
	20	Q	Okay. I want to take you back a little bit a ways	
	21		before you joined the probationary department. Is	that
	22		okay?	
	23	A.	Okay.	
	24	Q	I keep saying probationary. Probation Department.	
and	25		When you found out about the job vacancy there	e,
and				
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	1		you testified yesterday that prior to working there	e you
	2		actually sought out Mr. Osenkarski and you wanted	to
	3		discuss your interest in the job vacancy with	

your job interest?

MS. WALLET: I'm sorry, I missed that. Was it why
or when?

MR. ADAMS: Why.

Mr. Osenkarski. Do you remember that time period?

I remember discussing with him about the position, yes.

Okay. Why did you choose to go Mr. Osenkarski about

11 THE WITNESS: Because Mr. Osenkarski was head of 12 the juvenile division in Probation. We were combined but still he was part of that division. The Family 13 14 Preservation program would be under the juvenile 15 program. 16 BY MR. ADAMS: 17 Okay. Your understanding at that time was still that 18 Judge Sheely was in charge of Probation, of the 19 Probationary Department; is that correct? 20 I don't even -- I'm not sure if I was even aware of the Α. 21 whole hierarchy at that time. I knew it would be 22 Probation. Who exactly they answer to, probably, but I 23 can't say for sure that I knew that, that specifically. When you talked to Mr. Osenkarski were you comfortable? 24 25 Yes, I was. Α.

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- 1 Q Okay. Was he helpful?
- 2 A. Yes, he was.
- 3 Q Okay. Was he informative?
- 4 A. Yes, he was.
- 5 Q Okay. Do you believe that he had any influence at all
- in your receiving the job ultimately with the Probation
- 7 Department?
- 8 A. I believe he did, because he was one of the three

	9		gentlemen who interviewed me for my interview, my
	10		original interview with them.
	11	Q	Okay. In that line, can you explain that process when
	12		you, in fact, did interview for the Probation
	13		Department?
	14	Α.	I sat down with Mr. Osenkarski, John Roller, who was
chief,	15		with the adult section, and Ken Bolze who was the
I	16		and they interviewed me just about how I felt about
	17		remember one time they asked about dealing with violent
	18		offenders, how I felt about that, sort of my philosophy
	19		in coming to the program, what I saw with Family
	20		Preservation, and my, of course, my background, what my
	21		schooling was in. I had to provide a resume.
	22	Q	Okay. And that's all the interview process that you
	23		went through at the time?
	24	Α.	That I went through? Yes. Yes.
	25	Q	Okay. Did Mr. Osenkarski by chance recommend you for

	1		your current position of senior probation officer?
	2	Α.	It would have had to be him. He was the chief.
you	3	Q	Okay. Could anyone else have made that decision for
	4		or on behalf of you?
	5	Α.	Joe would have the ultimate say in recommending that.

	6	Q	Okay. Did Gary Graham by chance, I guess, was Gary
	7		still involved with your supervision around this time?
	8	A.	No, he was not.
	9	Q	This was after that?
	10	A.	Right, it was after that.
	11	Q	Okay, thank you.
	12		By chance, did Mr. Osenkarski also have any
	13		influence in recommending a job for your son? I think
	14		at the Stafford Detention Center, is that the place?
	15	A.	Schaffner Detention Center.
	16	Q	Schaffner? Okay. Did Mr. Osenkarski help in that or
	17		assist in that in any way?
	18	A.	Not that I'm aware of.
	19	Q	Did he discuss with you the opportunity for your son to
	20		be employed with that particular detention center?
his	21	Α.	I don't believe Mr. Osenkarski mentioned it. I know
know	22		daughter had, when she had started working there, I
	23		she had gotten a job later at the same place, but I
after	24		can't remember whether he discussed it prior to or
	25		my son getting the job, I don't remember that.

1 Q You testified yesterday that you had heard that, this

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	2		prior to being an employee with the Probation
	3		Department, that Gary Graham and Mr. Osenkarski would
	4		punish people when they were crossed. Do you recall
	5		that?
	6	Α.	That's right. Yes.
	7	Q	After suspecting this or hearing this, you still felt
	8		comfortable talking to Mr. Osenkarski about the job
	9		vacancy?
	10	Α.	To me, it perhaps it was more rumor. Personally,
	11		Mr. Osenkarski had always been polite to me. I had no
	12		problem with that.
	13		I liked the philosophy when I spoke to him about
	14		the hands-off supervision, that you were allowed to
	15		manage your case and do your own thing. And like I
said			
Children	16		yesterday, it wasn't micromanaged like I was in
	17		and Youth. And it was my field.
	18	Q	Sure. And that was an attractive feature for you in
	19		this particular job?
	20	Α.	Absolutely.
	21	Q	Okay. Would you agree that there are different
	22		managerial styles in running an office
	23	Α.	Certainly.
	24	Q	generally speaking? And in the case with
	25		Mr. Osenkarski, he had a hands-off approach to

	1		managerial style?
	2	Α.	I think Mr. Osenkarski was more delegating it to other
	3		people. Mr. Osenkarski has been it was apparent to
all.	4		most people that he was not in the office hardly at
	5		If I really would have had a complaint, it was very
	6		difficult to catch up to Mr. Osenkarski. And that's
	7		still a pattern now, that just not available. More an
him.	8		omission, allowing somebody else to do the work for
	9	Q	Are you aware of what Mr. Osenkarski is doing when he's
	10		out of the office?
	11	Α.	No, I'm not aware of that.
	12	Q	Could he be doing Department like jobs, do you think,
grants	13		that may require him to be at meetings or seeking
	14		or things of the like that are not innate with the
	15		office operations as you see it?
secretaries	16	Α.	Possibility. But I know I've heard that the
day	17		when they want to reach him, like, the middle of the
	18		they'll call his house, that he's home in the middle of
issue.	19		the day, those kind of things. That's an ongoing
	20	Q	Are you aware that Mr. Osenkarski works from home at
	21		times?
	22	Α.	That's not something I would know about.
	23	Q	On October 21st, 2002, a few months ago, you actually

24		had a conversation with Mr. Osenkarski in the hall. Do
25		you remember that?
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1	Α.	Yes, I do.
2	Q	And that was at the courthouse annex?
3	Α.	Yes, it was.
4	Q	And by chance that's across from the Sheriff's Office;
5		is that correct?
6	Α.	Yes, in that area.
7	Q	And you actually stopped him in the hall; is that
8		correct?
9	Α.	Yes, I did.
10	Q	Okay. And is it true that you said to him that you
11		realize you shouldn't be talking to him but you wanted
12		to speak with him briefly?
13	Α.	Um-hum. Yes, I did.
14	Q	And in fact, you did?
15	Α.	Yes, I did.
16	Q	And is it true that you expressed to him at the time
17		that you didn't want to leave your job?
18	A.	Yes.
19	Q	Okay. And that you really thought that most of the

actions centered around this case related to Gary

Graham

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21 and not him?

was	22	Α.	What I said to him is I just wished this whole thing
	23		over. I can see, I mean, I see Joe when I see him in
of	24		office, like I said, it's neutral right now, it's one
from	25		those things I want it over. I've wanted this over

	1		the very beginning. I just wanted everything to stop.
	2		It just continues, just on and on. And I just said, I
	3		just want you to know I'd rather this was over, I wish
	4		it was over, and I don't think the issue is so much
	5		it's it's just an issue that things have got to be
	6		finalized. I just want to continue my job. I want to
it	7		do the job that I was hired to do and just left to do
	8		but I didn't feel like I should have to leave my job.
	9	Q	Okay. Did you say to Mr. Osenkarski at that time that
surrounding	10		you didn't believe that any of this, meaning
	11		this case, was any of his doing?
	12	Α.	No, I did not say that.
Osenkarski	13	Q	What do you believe? Do you believe that Mr.
	14		is a part of this suit by you?
Graham	15	Α.	Absolutely. I think by omission, by allowing Mr.

16	to have full reign, giving him the power and just
17	backing away, when he saw and he would hear Mr. Graham
18	yelling and screaming at me. But he would just back
19	away and say my hands are washed of it, he's in charge.
20	That's not the way. You can't let this kind of thing
21	happen.
22	There was another incident with Mr. Osenkarski in
23	March of 2002 where we had a bomb threat in our
24	building. It was a bomb threat, I was left in my I
25	was the only one left in the office. My office is next

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1	to Mr. Osenkarski's. I had signed in on the sign-in
2	board which is directly outside of his office. Within,
3	I believe within an hour after I had signed in, and
4	normally my door is shut because I have an air purifier
5	on, and I happened to be dictating that day but I can
6	still hear voices outside.
7	I was left in my office for it was close to two
8	hours. No one told me there was a bomb threat. No one
9	knocked on my door. Everybody else was cleared out.
10	People would walk right past my door and no one took it
11	upon themselves to tell me.
12	I walked out of the building first I walked out
13	of my office and I realized that I was the only one

left

	14	in the building. I started down the hall to the
out	15	Sheriff's Department. No one else was there. I got
	16	to the street and I saw the sheriffs and I said, what's
you	17	going on? They said, there's a bomb scare, what are
	18	doing? I said, no one told me that there's a bomb
	19	scare.
	20	No one told me and I just obviously, and I've
	21	told people before, if it was your child that was left
	22	in a school and they weren't notified, how would you
hours.	23	feel? I was left in that building for almost two
	24	No one do I think that Mr. Osenkarski intentionally
	25	said leave her there? I don't know. I can't help but

	1	believe as retaliation, perhaps, because I was the only
	2	one in that whole building, that whole courthouse that
	3	was left.
	4	I went out to the street and I found some people
Joe	5	from the Probation office, and I explained to them.
	6	was there. Tom was no. Joe was there, Hank was
	7	there, a couple of secretaries, Kathy, I believe was
	8	there. And I went out, and Mr. Turo, the Public

in	9		Defender, and I said, I was left in there, I was left
	10		that building, I was by myself. No one told me.
	11		Mr. Osenkarski, his concern was he walked over
	12		to Kathy Zeigler and he was concerned he had a
	13		training or a conference he had to go to. He was
	14		concerned that to make sure that the search dogs they
	15		take through the building knew about our ammo down in
	16		the basement. Not like, I was just I had been doing
	17		so well with the counseling, doing so well, and
can't	18		absolutely so do I think it was intentional? I
charge	19		imagine why they would let me there. And he's in
	20		of that department. It was his responsibility to make
	21		sure all his employees were out.
	22	Q	Are you okay?
	23	Α.	Yes.
	24		This year at another time no, year 1998,
	25		Mr. Osenkarski came to me and he told me that Judge

Probation	1	Hoffer said I was not allowed to be in another
	2	office, which is down the east we have a main office
	3	in the main courthouse, and down I need to take a
	4	break just for a second.

5 (Recess taken from 9:37 until 9:41 a.m.) 6 BY MR. ADAMS: We talked about quite a few things at once and I'm 7 8 going to break them down one at a time, if that's okay? 9 That's fine. Α. 10 0 How long have you known Mr. Osenkarski? 11 Α. Several -- well, I met him when I started with Children 12 and Youth just in passing. Talking to him, probably I'd 13 say '93, '94, something like that, some conversations. Explain to me, and forgive me for not being totally 14 15 familiar, please explain to me where Children and Youth 16 is located in comparison to the Probation Department in the building. 17 Right now they're located down the street in another 18 Α. 19 building called the Human Services Building. Prior to 20 that they were located on the third floor, same floor that Probation was on. We were in what's called the 21 east wing, it was an annex connected by a hallway. And 22 23 all the same floor with a common lunch room area. 24 Okav. 0 Shared by lots of, all the, you know, the whole 25 Α.

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1 courthouse.

2 $\,$ Q $\,$ Okay. And could you be in, hypothetically could you be

	3		in the Children and Youth Services Department and hear
	4		things going on in the Probation Department down the
	5		hall?
	6	Α.	No, we couldn't.
	7	Q	Okay. If things or activities are going on in the
	8		hallway between that department and the other
	9		department, is there some overplay or interaction
	10		between the two departments?
	11	Α.	Probably only in the lunch room area, because for them,
	12		the courthouse, most people would exit out of the
	13		courthouse, and we had our own exit out the east wing.
wing?	14	Q	Okay. You said you had your own exit out the east
	15	A.	Right. There's a back exit out the east wing.
uses	16	Q	Okay. Is that just an exit that everyone by chance
	17		because it's the closest door?
	18	Α.	Yeah. It's just part of that exit from that building.
	19	Q	Okay. When you were with Children and Youth Services
	20		was that the door that you would use to come in and out
	21		naturally?
	22	Α.	Yes. When I was with Children and Youth, yes.
	23	Q	In case of an emergency would that also be the door you
	24		would go out of?
	25	Α.	Yes. The stairways, yes.

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How did you know that?
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                   Q.
              2
                   Α.
                         Probably there are exit signs, I would assume, and
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                         stairways. I know the elevator's right beside the
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                         stairway. Of course, it says don't use the elevator.
              5
                         But there's an exit out.
              6
                         Okay. No one told you that that's the exit you use for
              7
                         emergencies when you were in Children and Youth
              8
                         Services, right?
                         There probably -- we probably had fire drills, yeah,
              9
                   Α.
and
             10
                         they would say which way to exit.
             11
                         Who would say that to you?
                   Q
                         That would be, then it was the personnel -- the county
             12
                   Α.
             13
                         would run fire drills. I assume it came through the
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                         Sheriff's Department or the fire companies, I don't
             15
                         know. But we would have fire drills.
                         Okay. So you think the county's responsibility,
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                         emergency process in fire drills, you think that goes
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                         back to the county's responsibility; is that correct?
             19
                   Α.
                         To ensure safety, sure, of the workers. Absolutely.
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                         When you were with Children and Youth Services is that
             21
                         when the Sheriff's Department would come and help with
             22
                         the evacuation in case of an emergency, things like
                         that?
             23
                         I don't recall. I just remember our director saying,
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             25
                         and in an evacuation we more sort of followed each
other
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- 1 knowing how to get out, it was that type of thing. I
- 2 don't remember any actual training or anything.
- 3 Q Or any protocol?
- 4 A. No. Just, you know, us being told and signs saying you
- 5 exit this way.
- 6 Q So the key with you when you were with Children and
- 7 Youth Services in terms of exiting for an emergency or
- 8 even a fire drill was you follow everyone else; is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. In general, yes.
- 11 Q Would that be the same with the Probation Department,
- 12 that basically in an emergency or something happens,
- 13 everyone follows everyone else out of the building?
- 14 A. I think just common knowledge you use the stairways as
- in any building, you would not take the elevator, use
- 16 the stairway closest to you, and that would be common
- 17 knowledge, I would think, anywhere.
- 18 Q You follow everyone else to exit?
- 19 A. Basically, yes.
- 20 Q Okay. At some point when you were with the Probation
- 21 Department you were given an office that was, it was a
- closed-door office; is that correct?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q Okay. And that office didn't have any window, did it?

25 A. Yes, it does. It has a window out to the secretarial

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	1		area. It's not to the outside, but there's a slidir	ıg
	2		glass window that right outside there the secretarie	es
	3		sit.	
	4	Q	And while you're sitting down can you see the	
	5		secretarial staff as you just described?	
	6	A.	Generally I would we had, like, little mini blind	ls.
	7		I would keep them turned so that the secretaries	
	8		couldn't see the clients that I had in there. But I	Ε
	9		could see enough I could see the clock. But I reall	Ly
	10		didn't want my clients or them to see, you know, wha	at
	11		was going on in the office with clients.	
	12	Q	Okay. And you had this office, this closed-door off	fice
left	13		at the time of the incident which you felt you were	
	14		in the building; is that correct?	
	15	Α.	Yes, I did.	
	16	Q	Okay. So when there's a fire drill that actually	
	17		happened on that day that you just described, you	
	18		couldn't see people going back and forth; is that tr	rue?
	19	A.	No, I did not. I was dictating. But everybody in t	the
	20		office was aware that my door was shut.	
	21	Q	How do you know that?	
	22	Α.	Because it was just common. They knew I had the air	ר

door	23		purifier in there. It was just a common thing. My
	24		was shut most of the time.
	25	Q	Is that why you had that office to yourself, because of
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	1		the air purifier?
	2	Α.	No, I had gotten that office seniority-wise. It was
one			
	3		of those things, that's the thing as you move up in the
sort	4		seniority, if there's an office by yourself, that's
	5		of something you sort of achieve to. And I was senior
MO	6		and able to take that. When we really it was when
we	7		split our departments.
	8		Like I said, Mr. Osenkarski was aware I was in the
	9		building. So were the other, the secretaries and stuff
the	10		were aware that I was there. And I had signed in on
	11		board which is directly outside of his door. At a very
	12		glance you can see who was in and who was out.
	13	Q	Okay, okay. When Gary Graham was a supervisor in the
	14		Probation Department he used to yell at other folks as
	15		well; is that correct?
	16	Α.	Not as much as he did me. Not nearly as much.

17 Q How much would he yell at others?

18 I don't -- it really wasn't, not so much. He would get Α. 19 loud with them. Never that much derogatory to them, 20 like your F-ing ability or actually making direct comments to them about them. It was more in anger 21 talking about other things, F this, F that, or about 22 23 other people, about the chief, about everybody. 24 So he would say F that hypothetically about anything or 25 everyone?

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	1	Α.	You heard him use that quite a bit, yes.
	2	Q	And Mr. Osenkarski was familiar with Mr. Graham's
	3		language; is that correct?
	4	Α.	Oh, yes.
	5	Q	Okay. But isn't that sort of the climate of the
	6		department, persons are sort of free for all speaking
	7		all types of ways?
	8	Α.	You don't no. You don't hear that constantly in the
can't	9		offices at all. That was not a constant thing. I
was	10		really think of anybody else who would be that he
	11		always just an angry, angry man, after we split and he
	12		basically got power, got the authority that he could do
	13		what he wanted.
	14		He would be angry before that, about his wife,

	15		about situations, about bosses, about anything. But it
	16		was directed at me is what caused the problems for me,
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			when it was actually at me, the language, the anger,
	18		that kind of, and the threats.
	19	Q	Okay. When you say split, you mean that you and Gary
	20		stopped seeing each other?
and	21	Α.	No, no, no. When the Department split, the juvenile
	22		adult, after the Department split.
	23	Q	Okay, thanks.
	24	Α.	And he sort of was left to be in power. Mr. Osenkarski
	25		started delegating it to him.
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	1	Q	But you were aware that Mr. Osenkarski's style
	2		nevertheless was a hands-off approach to management?
	3	Α.	I didn't know it was that extreme, that he would let
	4		Gary do whatever he wanted to do.
	5		When I started there, Ken Bolze was still chief.
	6		Ken Bolze kept basically a lid on Mr. Graham and on
	7		Mr. Osenkarski, that, you know, they had to go through
	8		him before they had to answer to Mr. Bolze.
	9	Q	In terms of emptying out the building, clearing the
	10		building of personnel when there's an emergency or a
	11		fire drill, what do you think the responsibility is of
	11 12		fire drill, what do you think the responsibility is of the Sheriff's Department in that situation for the

	13		building?	
	14	Α.	My understanding is they come around and they assure	
	15		that every office has been cleared out. They look to	
	16		the directors of the department, whoever they alway	/S
4.1.	17		look to whoever is senior officer in there, whether	
it's	1.0			
	18		chief or whoever is there, to assure that their office	5
	19		is cleared.	
	20		And I believe they checked when they get out and	
	21		it's the chief or whoever is in charge, to meet with.	
	22		I'm not sure whether $\operatorname{}$ it's another department, they	
	23		have to meet with them and assure that their departmen	ıt
	24		is clear, that everybody was out. And then I know the	9
	25		sheriffs will go around afterwards with their dogs and	d,
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	1		you know, checking for bombs.	
	2		But ultimately it is the department head, whoever	-
	3		is the department head at that time when it happens, t	:0
	4		make sure the office is cleared.	
	5	Q	Okay. And how do you know that?	
	6	A.	We had one prior to that, and we were evacuated. And	
at				
	7		that time they were going around getting all the	
	8		department heads together as soon as everybody was	

cleared, saying, is all your people out, have you gone

and	10		down the roster, who was there, gone down the roster
	11		made sure they were out. And I assume that's the same
	12		procedure they would follow.
	13	Q	The Sheriff's Department goes to the department head in
	14		most cases?
	15	Α.	I believe it's Personnel, well, Human Resources that
	16		goes around and says the departments make a list of
	17		who was in that building did you make sure they were
	18		out, assuring that they were all left the building.
	19	Q	Okay. So during the drill, fire drill or emergency,
	20		you're saying that
	21	Α.	During the bomb scare yes.
	22	Q	Bomb scare, I'm sorry, in this instance
	23	Α.	Right.
	24	Q	HR was the person, someone from HR would go to the
	25		department heads and to determine if everyone was

1 accounted for

2	A.	Yeah. I believe was the Clerk of Courts. No, chief
3		clerk, chief with personnel. Those were the two people
4		that were in charge of in that the department had to
5		contact them to make sure everybody was out of the
6		building. So it was sort of that chain of command.

	7	Q	The bomb scare that you are referring to today, on that
	8		particular occasion isn't it true that you were
	9		physically already outside the building by the time HR
	10		actually requested that Osenkarski report to them about
	11		who was in and who was out?
	12	Α.	I would have no idea about that. I know during the
	13		initial bomb scare that they were on top of that very
	14		quickly, wanting to know and saying you make a list as
secretaries,	15		soon as you got out. I heard them tell our
	16		telling our secretaries, who was there, make a list,
	17		let's make sure they were all out of building. And so
	18		they seemed to be on top of it in our first bomb scare.
	19	Q	Okay. Are you aware that Mr. Osenkarski after the
	20		incident and with the bomb scare, actually went to the
	21		HR department and advised them that there needed to be
happen	22		more established protocols so that this would not
	23		to you again?
	24	Α.	It was my knowledge that Chris Miller, who was Human
	25		Resources director at that time, called Mr. Osenkarski

	1	down and that she had spoke to the chief clerk. The
	2	had all gone up to talk to Judge Hoffer about this.
that,	3	That's what Chris had told me. And as a result of

	4		Mr. Osenkarski was told to come down and work on
	5		something, see what they could do to correct it. That
	6		was my knowledge.
	7	Q	Okay. How do you have that knowledge?
	8	Α.	From Ms. Miller. She was the Human Resources director
	9		at that time.
	10	Q	Yesterday you testified about your educational
	11		accomplishments, and I'd like to congratulate you on
	12		those.
	13		Did Mr. Osenkarski assist you in any way in terms
	14		of pointing you in the direction for financial aid or
	15		anything of that sort to progress your educational
	16		goals?
would	17	Α.	Mr. Osenkarski informed me of a grant program that
there	18		be available for my daughter. At that time I had,
	19		was three of us in college, my son, my daughter and
people	20		myself. And the policy was you had to have three
	21		in college to take advantage of that. He gave me
	22		information about that grant program. I was able to
year	23		take advantage of it for one year. It was only one
	24		crossover with my children. So that helped with one
	25		year. Yes.

	1	Q	Is that it in terms of helping you or pointing you in
	2		the right direction for your for assistance?
	3	Α.	Yes. Yes.
of	4	Q	You also testified yesterday that Mr. Osenkarski knew
	5		your hysterectomy?
	6	Α.	Yes.
	7	Q	How do you know he's familiar with that procedure?
	8	Α.	When I had the procedure, I had my doctor wrote a
time,	9		note saying that I would be out for such amount of
	10		and in there is it was a medical excuse, basically.
	11		But I also explained to Sam Miller, who is my direct
	12		supervisor, because I was going to be off for a week I
	13		felt, you know, that's a long time. I think it's over
	14		three days you have to have a doctor's excuse. And I
	15		explained to Mr. Miller I was going to have the
	16		procedure. And Mr. Osenkarski is his, you know,
	17		supervisor, so I'm sure that came up. But there was a
	18		medical excuse from my doctor the reason why I would be
	19		out.
	20	Q	Okay. But you're not sure that Mr. Osenkarski actually
	21		saw that medical excuse, are you?
	22	Α.	It was given to him.
	23	Q	By you?
	24	Α.	Yes.
	25	Q	Okay. What date was that?

	1	Α.	October of '97. I know it was around Thanksgiving
	2		not Thanksgiving, I'm sorry. There was a holiday in
	3		there. Somewhere in the middle of October. I believe
	4		it was a holiday.
	5	Q	Are you aware that Mr. Osenkarski's ex-wife had a
	6		hysterectomy?
	7	Α.	No, I did not know that.
	8	Q	Are you aware that Mr. Osenkarski has shared that
	9		information with at least one person in the office?
	10	A.	No, I'm not aware of that.
	11		I personally found it offensive even talking about
And	12		hysterectomies and women with a new young employee.
	13		she mentioned it to me because she was uncomfortable.
	14	Q	Who was that?
	15	A.	Gail Schuhart, a new probation officer.
	16	Q	Gail Schuhart is the person that told you what?
ruin	17	Α.	That Mr. Osenkarski said to her that hysterectomies
	18		women.
	19	Q	So he never said to you, Mr. Osenkarski, directly about
	20		that?
	21	Α.	No, he did not.
	22		MR. ADAMS: That's all I have. Thank you.
	23	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:

- Q Ms. Varner, I'm Taylor Williams and I represent the
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Ninth Judicial

- 1 District for the Common Pleas of Cumberland County.
- 2 I would remind you that you are still under oath.
- 3 Do you understand that?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q And the same ground rules that were discussed yesterday
- 6 by Mr. Thomas and this morning by Mr. Lancaster Adams
- 7 also apply to our conversation. That is, if you answer
- 8 a question, I will assume that you have understood it
- 9 and heard it, and if I need to clarify a question or
- 10 repeat it, please feel free to ask me to do so.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q Have you ever given a deposition before?
- 13 A. No, I have not.
- 14 Q Have you ever brought another lawsuit?
- 15 A. No, I have not.
- 16 Q You were discussing the bomb scare a few minutes ago.
- Was there actually a bomb that day?
- 18 A. No. No, there was not.
- 19 Q No bomb was found?
- 20 A. Not that I know of.
- 21 Q Did you have any conversation or notify Judge Hoffer,

President Judge Hoffer of any of the events involving

	23		the bomb scare?
	24	Α.	Chris Miller, the Human Resources director, she told me
	25		that her and Mr. Ward no, I'm sorry, it's not John
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	1		Ward. It was chief clerk, John Connelly had spoken to
	2		Judge Hoffer about that.
	3	Q	Did you speak with Judge Hoffer about it?
	4	Α.	No, I did not.
	5	Q	Do you know the result of their conversation?
	6	Α.	No. Only what Chris would tell me, and what had
	7		happened I need to back up a few years to explain
the	•		
	8		rest of your question.
I	9		In 1998 Judge Hoffer had told Mr. Osenkarski that
	10		was not allowed to go down to the third floor annex,
	11		which was when we split adult and juvenile. Part of
our			
	12		department, the juvenile department and part of the
	13		adult department moved down to the old Children and
	14		Youth office which was at the east wing. So there was
	15		half adult and half juvenile.
	16		In that time frame, Mrs. Graham, who is a court
offices	17		stenographer, had moved down to several of those

	18	because they were renovating her, their office area.
	19	Joe Osenkarski told me that Judge Hoffer said I was not
was	20	allowed to go in that department because Mrs. Graham
go	21	bothered when I walked in there and that I was not to
	22	in there. And I said to Mr. Osenkarski, it's a public
probation	23	office, it's part of our department, there are
	24	officers down there I need to interact with and have
	25	work with, and I didn't see that was right, and I asked

	1	him to have Judge Hoffer put that in writing.
	2	Judge Hoffer had his secretary call me up, and I
	3	was up in his office within a day or two. And Judge
	4	Hoffer told me I was not allowed to go down into that
	5	office at all, I was to stay out, that Mrs. Graham was
there.	6	going to have a breakdown if I didn't stay out of
have	7	And I explained to him that it's a public office, I
you	8	business in there. And he left me know, he said, do
	9	understand what I'm saying? You are not to go in this
I	10	that office. And again, I said, it's a public office,
	11	don't think that's fair. Needless to say, Judge Hoffer
	12	left me know I was not to go there.

13		So from 1998 till 2002 I was not allowed in a
14		public office in a courthouse. Embarrassing, very
15		difficult to deal with.
16		But after this bomb scare I had requested that I
17		moved from my office where I was at in the courthouse
18		down to one of the offices in the east wing where there
19		were other people where I could feel safe. I know my
20		friends were down there and I knew that probably they,
21		was sure they would alert me if there was another bomb
22		scare. I just didn't feel comfortable up there,
23		thinking that if this would happen again and there
24		really was a bomb. That was a concern.
25	Q	Judge Hoffer have an objection to your moving down
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	1		there?
	2	A.	I had to put it in writing. I had to put a request in
	3		writing that I wanted to move down there. Hank
the	4		Thielemann I put it in writing. I was sitting in
office	5		court in fact, I wrote it in a Human Resources
had	6		on one of those secretary's computers. Chris Miller
	7		asked me to put it in writing that I said I wanted to

	8		move down there because I was afraid that I would be
	9		left behind again. I felt more comfortable down there
	10		and I was requesting for me to move.
	11		Hank Thielemann carried it up to Judge Hoffer. He
share	12		said I had to put it in writing who I was going to
	13		an office with, how long I planned to stay there. And
	14		at that time I was sitting in Chris Miller's office and
	15		I said, this is absolutely ridiculous, nobody else when
	16		they move offices have to get permission from the judge
	17		to do this. So, finally
	18	Q	Who else has moved an office?
	19	Α.	At that time, well, I had moved before. I moved from
	20		one office over to that single office when we split
	21		departments. There was so much movement. There have
	22		been hired new school-based probation officers who have
	23		moved into different parts of the Department.
	24	Q	Do you know what was required to make those moves?
	25	Α.	I think it was just Joe Osenkarski's okay. He was the
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	1		chief.
	2	Q	Do you know that?
	3	Α.	As far as I'm ever no, I don't know that for sure
	4		that they did not discuss it. But Judge Hoffer when I
	5		did, he did allow me to move down there, he came down

	6		personally and met with the he called the girl who
asked	7		was going to be my office mate, Gail Schuhart, and
	8		if it was okay. He contacted one of the gentlemen who
	9		was going to have to move his office out of the one
	10		offices, asked him if it was okay. It was a procedure
	11		that had never, as far as I know had never been, had
	12		never occurred before.
	13	Q	In what respect was he asking Gail was it okay?
	14	Α.	Would she be okay sharing an office with me, that kind
	15		of thing.
court	16	Q	I'm going to show you a document that I'll ask the
Court	17		reporter to mark as Plaintiff's Exhibit 6.
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	18		(Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 6 was marked.)
	19	BY MS	S. WILLIAMS:
	20	Q	Is Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 the memo that you just told
	21		me about that you typed to Judge Hoffer asking for a
	22		change in your office space?
	23	Α.	Yes, it is.
	24	Q	Now, there's handwriting on there. Is that your
	25		handwriting?

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1 A. Yes, it is.

2 Q Now, the note that you put on there, you have three

	3		exclamation points. Why did you put those exclamation
	4		points there?
	5	Α.	For him to ask me how long I'll be there, who I'm going
	6		to be sharing, what desk what I'm going to be, what
in	7		exactly desk I'm going to be using? I wasn't allowed
	8		that area, how would I know?
	9		As far as how long, I don't know how long this is
	10		going to be where I would feel comfortable anywhere at
	11		that point.
	12	Q	But that was not because of your gender, was it?
	13	Α.	About as far as moving and stuff? I don't believe so,
to	14		but I don't know. I don't think anybody else has had
	15		do this kind of thing to move their office.
	16	Q	But you don't know for sure?
	17	Α.	No, I do not know for sure.
	18	Q	Okay. You had provided to me through your counsel a
	19		series of handwritten notes.
	20	Α.	Yes.
handwritten	21	Q	I'm going to ask you, did you supply all the
counsel?	22		notes that you've made about this case, to your
	23	Α.	I believe I have, yes.
	24	Q	Do you recall the date of the last handwritten note you
	25		had submitted

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1 A. No, I don't recall the date.

- 2 Q -- to counsel?
- 3 A. No, I don't recall.
- 4 Q Do you continue to keep handwritten notes about the
- 5 case?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q And do you continue to provide them to your counsel?
- 8 A. Things like this, yes.
- 9 Q When was the last time you gave your counsel a
- 10 handwritten note?
- 11 A. This perhaps was the last handwritten note, I believe.
- 12 Q And what's the date of that?
- 13 A. Looks like March 27, 2002.
- 14 Q So you've submitted no further handwritten or notes or
- diary submissions since that time?
- 16 A. I would have correspondence with my attorney, but not -
- 17 more on dates and times and what's going on with the
- 18 case. But I just -- at this point I cannot recall any
- other handwritten notes since then.
- 20 Q You can assure me that any handwritten notes you do
- 21 have, will be supplied to your counsel?
- 22 A. Certainly.
- MR. MacMAIN: Off the record.
- 24 (Recess taken from 10:10 until 10:21 a.m.)
- 25 (Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 7 was marked.)

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- 2 Q Ms. Varner, I've given you a document which I've asked
- 3 the court reporter to mark as Plaintiff's Exhibit 7.
- 4 Can you identify that package of documents for us?
- 5 A. It's just my personal notes that I took.
- 6 Q Are those the notes that you told Jim Thomas yesterday
- 7 were written on a pad, a notepad?
- 8 A. Just various pads, yes.
- 9 Q You remember discussing them with Jim yesterday?
- 10 A. Yes. That we had provided, yes, the notes, personal
- 11 notes, yes.
- 12 Q And these are those notes?
- 13 A. Yes, they are.
- 14 Q When were those notes made?
- 15 A. They were ongoing. '96, '98, '97.
- 16 Q Were they made as --
- 17 A. '99.
- 18 Q -- various actions occurred?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q Or did you go back and fill in some information?
- 21 A. Most of the time it was as they occurred so I wouldn't,
- 22 you know, forget things.
- 23 Q Is some of the information filled in later?
- 24 A. The only thing I believe filling in later was actually

25 the trips.

1 Q	When	you	say	the	trips?
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- 2 A. I'm sorry. It's back towards the back, there's a list
- 3 of trips that I could remember that I had taken with
- 4 Mr. Graham.
- 5 Q What is the date?
- 6 A. '96.
- 7 Q But the rest of the notes you say were written
- 8 contemporaneously with the actions taken?
- 9 A. Yes, that's true.
- 10 Q I'd like to direct your attention to a page of the
- notes, and I'll reference it by telling you that in the
- 12 upper left-hand corner there's a number 7 printed.
- 13 A. Okay.
- 14 Q And at the bottom of that page number 7 you have an
- entry dated 7/11. Do you see it?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q Do you remember what year that note was written?
- 18 A. It would have been '97.
- 19 Q And you say in that note you saw Judge Sheely?
- 20 A. Um-hum.
- 21 Q Would you tell me under what circumstances you saw the
- judge?

up.	23	Α.	I had gone up to the judge's chambers to take a file
	24		We had court within the next day or so. I had gone up
	25		to take a file up, and when I walked into the office,

	1	his regular secretary was not there but he had one of
typing	2	his law clerks, she was typing, in the process of
he	3	a letter. And what I found out that it was the order
	4	was making or what he planned to do as a result of my
	5	complaint, what his resolution would be. When I walked
	6	into the office the judge said, come over here. And he
	7	said, I just want you to know I've made a decision, and
me.	8	then he said, why don't you come into my office with
and	9	So I walked into the judge's chambers with him,
and	10	he proceeded to tell me that Mr. Graham and his wife
	11	Attorney Dave Foster had come to him, I believe it was
had	12	the day before, I believe, that they had, Mr. Graham
Judge	13	confessed to this alleged affair to Judge Sheely.
	14	Sheely told me that he felt so sorry for them, that I
	15	had ruined their family.
	16	And I explained to Judge Sheely that it was all an

I	17	orchestrated thing, because up to that point as far as
	18	know, this alleged affair had never come up during the
	19	whole investigation into anybody else. And I said to
	20	Judge Sheely, if you were a man would you confess in
	21	front of public, would you confess in front of a judge,
	22	in front of an attorney, or wouldn't you be more
	23	discreet and tell your wife at home and then handle it?
	24	I feel it was a ploy, because I knew Barb Graham
tender	25	had worked with Judge Sheely. He had basically a

1		spot for Barb Graham. And I said to the judge, it did
2		not happen. And he said, well, I'm telling you, it was
3		just horrible, they were both crying. And just, you
4		could tell he had been it had been emotional for
5		Judge Sheely.
6	Q	Is this the first time you had talked with Judge Sheely
7		about your complaints?
8	Α.	Yes, it is.
9	Q	You never asked for an opportunity to speak with him
10		prior to this?
11	Α.	No. And I was surprised he did not ask for my attorney
12		and myself to meet with him prior to making this

13		decision. It was just made on an emotional time when -
14		and he just decided he was going to make this decision.
15		And he said to me, at that time he said that he
16		knows that they, well, meaning Joe and Gary, have been
17		asshole buddies for years. He said, I know they get
18		into a lot of stuff, they've been asshole buddies. And
19		he said, I'm not going to do anything else, you
20		meaning me you have damaged this family enough. And
21		I said, I did not damage this family, the man who is
22		causing this is Mr. Graham, and I said, I just wanted
23		the harassment, I just wanted it to stop. And
24	Q	Could you and your attorney, and/or your attorney, have
25		requested a meeting with Judge Hoffer?
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1	7\	He was writing the order at that time
	Α.	He was writing the order at that time.
2	Q	I'm sorry, I meant Judge Sheely. Strike that.
3	Α.	He was in the process of writing the order. He said,
4		I've made my decision.

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Prior to that, could you have made an appointment with

We didn't know where it was at. Dave Deluce had told

8 attorney that we would be very happy with the

Judge Sheely and spoken to him?

9 recommendation that they had made as a result of the

10		their investigation, and we assumed we would be hearing
11		from them. This was a sudden thing as far as I was
12		concerned. But I was just surprised that the judge did
13		not give us the courtesy of meeting with us and letting
14		us have our say.
15	Q	But did you ask for such a meeting?
16	A.	I believe I did mention it to him.
17	Q	When?
18	A.	At that, when I was in his office talking to him.
19	Q	And what did he say to you?
20	A.	He said, he had told he said, I have made my
21		decision. He was just so emotionally taken up by what
22		he had witnessed in his office.
23	Q	Is it your understanding that Barbara Graham was there
24		when Judge Sheely talked with Gary about the affair?
25	A.	That's when the confession was supposed to have

	1	nappened. At least that's what Judge Sheely told me.
they	2	He said, they came up before me and they confessed,
kept	3	were both crying, and said it was horrible. And he
	4	saying, look what you have done to their family. And I
	5	said, Judge Sheely, I, I did not do anything to the
	6	family, I did not have the affair, it was all a

Q Do you know for sure that Gary had not told his wife

performance for you.

	9		about the alleged affair in private before meeting with
	10		Judge Sheely?
	11	Α.	I have no idea. All I know is I think it was using the
	12		emotional time and bringing Barb in there. Why would
	13		you want to embarrass her again in front of the judge
	14		and in front of your attorney if not to use it as an
	15		emotional ploy.
	16	Q	I need you to clear something up for me. I have two
	17		documents, both of which have been verified by you.
	18		I'll show you the verification. This is titled
	19		Plaintiff's Response to Defendant Joseph Osenkarski's
	20		Interrogatories, and this is a verification. Is that
	21		your signature?
	22	Α.	Yes, it is.
	23	Q	And I also have there was responses to Defendant
District's	24		Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Ninth Judicial
	25		Interrogatories, and that also contains a verification
			Barbara Varner 270
	1		which I'll show you. Is that your verification?
	2	Α.	Yes, it is.
	3	Q	Do you remember answering interrogatories for both the
	4		court defendant and Mr. Osenkarski, the defendant?

	5	Α.	Yes, I did.
	6	Q	Both of these documents address the statement that you
	7		referred to a minute ago regarding asshole buddies. In
	8		the response to the court defendant's interrogatory
	9		number 9 you say this: Judge Sheely admitted that he
friends	10		and Mr. Graham are asshole buddies and political
	11		for years.
you	12		And then in the Answers to Interrogatories that
	13		gave Mr. Osenkarski, and that's your response to number
	14		1, you say: Judge Sheely admitted to being political
	15		friends with Mr. G's father and told me that he knew
	16		Mr. G and Mr. O were asshole buddies for years.
	17		Will you tell me which is the correct version of
	18		the asshole buddies, pardon that phrase, sorry?
saying	19	Α.	I had told Judge Sheely about Mr. Graham talking,
	20		F this and F that to me, and also mentioned to him that
	21		he was not aware what all was going on in the
	22		department, just letting him know.
	23		And I explained to him that there were times that
	24		Mr. Osenkarski and Mr. Graham would go to Lebanon to
	25		pick up boxes of shoes, saying that they were meant for

	1		the detention center and I know personally that they
	2		were giving them to their relatives, to their sister,
	3		daughters, that they were using them. And at that time
	4		is when Judge Sheely said, Joe and Gary, I know they've
	5		been asshole buddies for years. And then he continued
	6		to say that he has known Mr. Graham's father for years,
	7		he was a political he helped get him elected and
he's			
at	8		known him for years, he would go to political parties
	9		picnics and stuff prior to elections.
	10	Q	Did that lead you to believe that Judge Sheely had some
	11		political motive for finding for Gary?
	12	Α.	I believe so. Absolutely.
	13	Q	Just so the record is straight, the buddy statement
	14		referred to Mr. Graham
	15	Α.	And Mr. Osenkarski.
	16	Q	and Mr. Osenkarski?
	17	Α.	That's correct.
	18	Q	And not Judge Sheely and Mr. Graham?
	19	Α.	No. No.
	20	Q	Now, returning to your handwritten note, if you would,
	21		turning the page to the page marked 8 in the left-hand
	22		corner, upper left-hand corner?
	23	Α.	Yes.
	24	Q	On page 8 you state: Gary was gloating after. Do you
first	25		see where I'm referencing? It's at the end of the

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1 paragraph. Α. You're on page 8? 3 Q Um-hum. 4 Α. Okay. Gloating after. Yes. 5 Q. How was Gary gloating? 6 Α. Let me just read. 7 He was -- just the attitude. He was just -- I 8 would have eye contact with him, he would just, like, smirking at me, just happy, just apparent to me that he 9 10 had won, that kind of thing. Did he say something to you that indicated gloating? 11 Q. No. That was just my opinion of what I was seeing. 12 Α. 13 Further on down the page you say: Gary wrote a letter. It's the second paragraph from the bottom. 14 15 Yes. Α. 16 Gary wrote letter little while ago to remind him of 17 political support. 18 Α. Yes. Am I reading that correctly? 19 20 Α. Yes. I was told that Mr. Graham had written a letter to 21 Judge Sheely prior to this alleged confession reminding 22 Judge Sheely of the political support him and his family 23 had given to him in his election time.

Who told you about that letter?

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Q.

25 A. Somebody in the office -- I'm trying to think how I --

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1	aon't.	recall	now 1	came to	o that	information

- Q Do you have a copy of such a letter?
- 3 A. No, I don't.

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4 Q Did the judge ask at some point why you didn't come to

- 5 him with your complaint?
- 6 A. Yes, he did.
- 7 Q What exactly did he say to you?
- 8 A. Judge Sheely on 12/29/97, it's in the packet, Judge
- 9 Sheely asked me why did I give letters to Personnel
- 10 about Gary and Barb, lawyer told me to -- let me see.
- Told me to, sorry about the whole thing, nothing
- 12 happened. He can't -- I know he couldn't -- I said I
- 13 will probably always have the stares and those kind of
- things but he can't do anything about it.
- 15 Q He said -- is this, you're looking at a note?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q And it's undated.
- 18 A. It's -- at the very bottom it has a date on it, 12/29.
- 19 Q Oh, 12/92, you're right, it does.
- 20 A. Judge Sheely, why do I give letters to Personnel about
- 21 Gary and Barb and the lawyer. Told --
- 22 Q Just so the record is clear, it's in the packet of

23 notes --

	24	Α.	Yes, it is.
	25	Q	that we've been discussing and we've marked it
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	1		Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 7.
	2	Α.	There's another note in here, too.
	3		MR. ADAMS: Four pages past page 10, on the fourth
	4		page after 10.
	5		THE WITNESS: I know there's a conversation Judge
	6		Sheely had with me outside of the elevators on my
floor,	7		thind floor one down not too long often this that he
	7		third floor, one day, not too long after this, that he
	8	D. 1.	said that I was going to just have to put up with it
	9		S. WILLIAMS:
	10	Q	This is the second time, a second time that you talked
	11		to Judge Sheely about the matter?
	12	Α.	Yes. Yes, I know it's in my notes.
	13	Q	Well, your note on $12/29/97$, if I'm reading it
	14		correctly, says: I'm nice lady. Did Judge Sheely
to	15	Α.	He said I'm a nice lady who will probably always have
	16		put up with the stares, he can't do anything about it.
	17		He said, sorry about the whole thing, and I said,
	18		nothing happened.
	19	Q	Is this the complete conversation that you had with

	20		Judge Sheely?
	21	Α.	As far as yes. They were just brief
	22	Q	Did you make any response?
I	23	Α.	Again, as I told him before, there's not a whole lot.
	24		said to him, underlined it was like nothing happened.
up	25		And he just said, I'm a nice lady, you'll have to put
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	1		with the stares and he can't do anything about it.
	2		But there was another time and I believe it's in
it.	3		here, where he said I would just have to put up with
	4	Q	How well do you know Judge Sheely?
	5	Α.	I've known Judge Sheely not personally but I've known
	6		him since 19 probably '73, '72.
	7	Q	How did you know the judge at that time?
	8	Α.	Judge Sheely lived beside me when I lived in
	9		Shiremanstown. My ex-husband and I lived in an
	10		apartment briefly for maybe a year. I met his wife. I
	11		would see him but I did not know him.
	12		And then when I came to the courthouse, I knew of
	13		him just because I lived in Cumberland County, I knew
	14		Judge Sheely.

Q And you lived right nextdoor to the judge?

16 Α. In an apartment. We were in a single house, we were in 17 the back apartment, and his home was beside us. 18 Q Did your ex-husband know Judge Sheely? 19 Α. Just I think we might have met him one time, but that's 20 it, just in passing. I saw his wife on occasion. 21 0 Does your ex-husband still live next to Judge Sheely? 22 Α. No. Well, there was a period he did, when we lived on 23 Apple Drive. When I left, after I left my home, Judge 24 Sheely and his wife did move into the home beside my 25 ex-husband and his present wife. But now he's not 276 Barbara Varner 1 there. 2 When did your ex-husband remarry? 3 He remarried in 1990. Α. Did he remarry someone that you now? Q 5 Α. I did not know her, no. Is it someone your present husband knows? 6 0 7 Yes, his ex-wife. Α. 8 Q We've now discussed two conversations you had with 9 Sheely on this matter. Are there any other 10 conversations that you had with Judge Sheely, who was president judge at the time? 11

Not that I can recall at this time.

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gone	13	Q	What did you tell him when he asked you why you had
	14		to the county instead of to him?
to	15	Α.	That was after the investigation, when I went down
	16		Dan Hartnett, because I had gone through the procedure.
	17		I asked Mr. Graham to stop, to leave me alone. I told
down	18		Mr. Osenkarski about it. Nothing was done. I went
	19		to Dan Hartnett and I told him about it. And he never
	20		stopped me and said, you shouldn't be here, you should
	21		go to the courts. I was following what I presumed was
	22		the hierarchy, you know, in the handbook, that if one
	23		failed, you go to the next and to the next. And to me,
	24		the Personnel Department was the place to go when you
	25		have personnel problems. I also knew the EAP program

	1	was through there. But not once did Dan Hartnett say,
should	2	this is not in our you should not be here, you
	3	go directly to the judge.
	4	So I proceeded with that. And they pulled in Dave
	5	Deluce immediately to do the investigation, and I know
	6	he would have contact with the judge. So I assumed I
	7	had I was under the assumption I was doing the right
	8	thing.

	9	Q	Do you know when Judge Sheely found out about the
	10		complaint?
	11	Α.	I have no idea.
	12	Q	You knew you were a court employee?
	13	Α.	I knew I was both. I knew I was an officer of the
	14		court, but I also had a personnel book that belonged to
	15		the county. And they wrote my checks. My time, my
	16		all my benefits come through the county, through the
employee	17		Personnel office. So most of my dealings as an
	18		was with the Personnel Department as far as any
	19		day-to-day.
the	20		The judge was there for court, that's basically
	21		contact we had. He did not come down to the office and
	22		interact that much or meet with us. So most of my
	23		contact was through the Personnel Department.
	24	Q	But you knew that did you know that Judge Sheely was
	25		the direct supervisor of Mr. Osenkarski?

1	Α.	I knew he was right, absolutely. I knew the
2		hierarchy, yes.
3	Q	Thanks. You may recall yesterday when we were
4		discussing your EEOC complaint, we marked that actually
5		as an exhibit as P-5. I'll just give it to you to

you	6		refresh your recollection. You've just told me that
	7		knew that you were a court employee, and yet the only
	8		respondent that you named was Cumberland County.
	9		Why did you only name the county as the respondent
	10		in your complaint to the agency?
the	11	Α.	At that point I assumed that the courts were part of
	12		county. We worked for Cumberland County as the big
	13		umbrella. The courts were part of a department. It's
	14		broken down in the personnel list as the courts, that's
	15		a department. Each department is listed. To me,
	16		Cumberland County is the big umbrella. The county is
	17		the big umbrella and like I said, the court is just one
	18		part of that whole arena.
that	19	Q	Did it surprise you to find out that that's not so,
	20		the court is actually a state entity?
	21	Α.	Yes. I was not really aware of that at that time. I
	22		knew I was an officer of the court and I had certain
	23		rights different than other employees, but I just
	24		thought it was under one big umbrella, Cumberland
	25		County.

1 Q Now, you've given me two conversations that you had

with

	2		Judge Sheely. Are there any other conversations about
	3		this matter that you had with Judge Sheely when he was
	4		president judge?
	5	Α.	Not that I can recall at this time. Well, when I went
up	6		up there would be three total, because when I went
	7		on the 11th and he told me what his plan was, and I met
I	8		with him in his chambers. And then the two times that
	9		met, saw him in passing, the one where he told me that
	10		I'm going to have to put up with it.
	11	Q	That was at the elevator?
	12	Α.	Yes. And the other one was I'm not sure where the
	13		other one happened. It was in passing again, that he
	14		told me I was a nice lady.
	15	Q	Oh. That wasn't the same instance, then?
	16	Α.	No, it wasn't. There was two. There was two other.
	17		There would be two plus the one in his office.
lady	18	Q	Where did the one where he told you you were a nice
	19		take place?
	20	Α.	I'm guessing maybe up in his chambers, just in passing.
	21		He would just stop and ask, you know, things. It was
	22		not any formalized, just in passing, like an
	23		afterthought for him.
	24	Q	What did you say to him in that instance?
_	25	Α.	He would just make the comment and go on. It was not -

	1		I really never thought I want stand and argue with the
	2		judge. He would just go on.
	3	Q	I'd like to direct your attention to P-7. There's a
	4		note dated 8/22, apparently '97, somewhere right about
	5		in the middle of the stack.
	6	Α.	8/22. Is there a page number?
	7		MR. ADAMS: Taylor, what date, again?
	8		MS. WILLIAMS: 8/22.
	9		THE WITNESS: Yes.
	10	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:
	11	Q	It says: Gary told Nicole Sheely's pissed. Going to
	12		find out who talked. See if change their stories when
	13		they get on the stand.
	14		Who is Nicole?
former	15	Α.	To begin with, Mark Galbraith, he was a he's a
	16		probation officer. Nicole is now his wife. At that
was	17		time her name was Nicole, Horwick, H-O-R-I-C-K. She
	18		an adult probation officer.
	19	Q	And what exactly did you understand the subject of that
	20		conversation to be?
	21	Α.	What it was is according to Mark, Gary had sought out
	22		Nicole or saw her somewhere and said that Sheely was
my	23		pissed and going to find out who had talked regarding
	24		case, and see if they would change their stories when

25 they got on the stand, and no one from adult side would

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1 be spared, that obviously punishment was going to be 2 doled out, it would be my interpretation of that. And 3 that's how they interpreted it as well. I don't understand the who talked. Was there gossip? 4 5 Is that what the talk is referenced there? 6 My understanding is talked -- people were being called Α. 7 down to the Personnel Department at that time during the 8 investigation to tell their, what they had observed in 9 the office. Those kind of things. And it was anybody 10 who had gone down and spoke out about what was going on. 11 And if they were going to testify in court, that they 12 would, I guess under the threat of would they change 13 their mind when they got on the stand. I guess I don't see the threat that you're talking 14 Q about. What there constitutes a threat? What words 15 16 constitute a threat? 17 Well, if the judge is pissed and he's going to see if Α. 18 they changed their story, finding out that the judge feels that way might be intimidation for people to say, 19 20 hey, you know, I don't want to say anything, I'm not 21 going to talk about this because Judge Sheely is not

testify.

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going to be happy if I really, you know, testify, if I

	24	Q	But could it mean that he's unhappy that there is a
	25		problem in the department? Could it mean something as
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	1		innocuous as that?
	2	Α.	No, because the reference is when they get on the
stand,			,
	3		meaning they have to testify in court.
	4	Q	If you'll turn the page you'll see another note dated
	5		11/19?
	6	A.	Before or after?
	7		MR. ADAMS: It will say 10/27 at the top.
	8		MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, thank you.
	9		THE WITNESS: Yes, I see that.
	10	BY MS	S. WILLIAMS:
	11	Q	On 11/19 you say: Was informed by fellow professional
that	12		that Barb Graham was to have told one of the judges
	13		I confessed to her to having an affair with her
husband.			
	14		Tell me the circumstances of that and everything
	15		you know about that.
	16	Α.	This was '97. Right now I cannot recall who that would
point	17		have been. I'd have to think about that. At this

- I'm not sure who that was.
- 19 $\,$ Q $\,$ When you think of it, will you let your lawyer know
- 20 and --
- 21 A. I certainly will.
- 22 Q -- and we'll ask her to let us know as well.
- 23 A. Sure.
- 24 Q Moving on through P-7, which is the notes, there's a
- 25 note written 5/26. I think we talked a little bit

about

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- 1 that situation earlier. It's right toward the back,
- 2 maybe six pages in.
- 3 A. 5/26 did you say?
- 4 Q Yes, 5/26.
- 5 A. At the very top? It's right here at the top?
- 6 O Yes.
- 7 A. Okay, I have that.
- 8 Q I think we're on the same page. You say: Joe said I'm
- 9 to conduct business in my office, not down hall.
- 10 Do you recall that conversation?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 Q What exactly did Joe -- and I assume that's Joe
- Osenkarski -- say to you?
- 14 A. He said that the judge had instructed him to tell me

I	15		that I was not to go down to the other office, the one
	16		had mentioned I was not allowed to go to. I was not
	17		allowed to go down there to conduct any business in the
	18		office down the hall, judge's orders, that Barb Graham
	19		was distraught. And I requested that I wanted it in
	20		writing from Mr. Osenkarski.
	21	Q	And did you get it in writing from Mr. Osenkarski?
	22	Α.	Yes. I got a letter from Mr. Osenkarski, but I still
	23		wanted the judge to tell me.
	24	Q	So what did you do?
	25	Α.	I got a call from the judge, like I said, within a day,

	1		within a day or two, where he called me up to his
that	2		chambers. And he said that I was not to go down to
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	3		office for any reason, that any business I had could be
	4		handled down at my end. And I explained to him it's a
	5		public office, I didn't understand how he could keep me
loud	6		out of a public office. And he said he got very
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	7		and he said, do you understand what I'm saying? You
	8		stay out of there, she's Barb Graham's going to have
	9		a nervous breakdown.
	10	Q	Had you complained that Barbara Graham was bothering
	11		VOII?

12 A. At that point, yes. There was an incidence of that

	13		before, yes.
	14	Q	Did the judge say he was concerned about your safety?
	15	Α.	No. He was concerned about Barb having a nervous
	16		breakdown.
	17	Q	Did he say that he wanted to keep you separate so that
	18		no further incidents would happen?
	19	Α.	No, he did not.
	20	Q	Did he ask you to voluntarily keep away from
	21		Mrs. Graham?
	22	Α.	No. He instructed me to stay out of there. He never
	23		said: Stay away from Mrs. Graham. He said when I go
	24		into there that I upset her, that she's distraught.
	25	Q	You say you called up by Sandy.
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	1	Α.	Yes.
	2	Q	Who is Sandy?
	3	Α.	Judge Hoffer's secretary.
	4	Q	When the judge told you this, what did you say besides
	5	~	that it's a public office? Did you say anything else?
	6	Α.	It continues on this page. When the judge called me
up,			conservate on contact fuller contact and
	7		he told me to stay out. He said, she's about to have a
conduct	8		breakdown, meaning Mrs. Graham. It says you can

	9		your business in your office. If you can't, I'll have
	10		to move everybody you have business with down there.
This	11		And says if you're going to have a lawsuit, do it.
	12		is Judge Hoffer.
	13	Q	Now, further down there you say: Do you know how
is	14		embarrassing humiliating for me? Did you say that or
	15		this your reflective note as you're writing the note?
	16	A.	No. I said this to him.
	17	Q	What did he say to you?
	18	Α.	He just kept emphasizing I need the stay out of there.
fault,	19		I further down, is this, any of this woman's
	20		he asked me about Mrs. Graham. And I said, no, it is
	21		not my fault, either. I'm the victim. The man who
	22		caused all this is still working here.
	23		I have to see him, she pushed into me. What
	24		about and then he said about me to stay away from
	25		her. And I said, what about the bathroom on the fourth

1		floor of the court? How about the parking lot? There
2		are places that I feel threatened by her. And he said,
3		do I make myself clear, you stay away from her. And
4	Q	You seem to be reading the note.

- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q Does this note indicate the entire conversation you
- 7 claim you had with Judge Hoffer?
- 8 A. As I recalled it, yes.
- 9 Q Would you add anything to that, anything that you said
- or anything that he might have said?
- 11 A. No. I just went on and --
- 12 Q Were there any witnesses to this conversation?
- 13 A. No. No.
- 14 Q Where was Sandy?
- 15 A. Sandy -- I really don't -- she's usually out in her
- office. But the door, the judge's door was closed when
- 17 he was speaking to me. First he offered me a
- cigarette,
- and then he started in on with this.
- 19 Q Did you take the cigarette?
- 20 A. No. It's a no-smoking building, and I don't smoke, so.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Let's mark this one as P-8.
- 22 (Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 8 was marked.)
- 23 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 24 Q I direct your attention to P-8. I have this
- 25 separately. It didn't appear to be in the packet that

- 1 was provided.
- Is this in your handwriting, Ms. Varner?

	3	Α.	Yes, it is.
list.	4	Q	It says: Joe, I will not be affected by seniority
	5		He will take care of me.
	6		Would you explain what this note means?
	7	Α.	Joe I'm referring to is Joe Osenkarski. And this is
	8		when they had been talking about the seniority list and
	9		those type of things, and I was complaining about how
	10		they planned to change it and move me down on the list.
	11		And Joe had told me that not to worry, that I wouldn't
	12		be affected by the seniority list, that he'll be making
	13		a specialist position for me, a Family Preservation
	14		specialist position. And he said it would be would
	15		have no effect on promotion at all, only on the
emergency	16		emergency duty time where you sign up to serve
	17		duty on a weekend basis. And that goes by seniority,
	18		goes down the list. But that's what Joe had told me
	19		that day. It was more if I just relax about the
	20		seniority list I will take care of you.
	21	Q	And did he do that?
	22	Α.	No.
	23	Q	In what respect did he not?
	24	Α.	There was no specialist position ever developed beyond
Preservation	25 n.		the one year of grant money for the Family

	1	Q	Do you know why?
Preservation	2	Α.	I believe they did not apply for the Family
	3		because the number of referrals on juveniles was coming
	4		in, and with Family Preservation was that very low
	5		number to supervise and they needed more line people
	6		rather than a smaller specialist area.
	7	Q	Sounds like the circumstances changed?
	8	Α.	Yes.
wrote	9	Q	Did you see a copy of the report that Judge Sheely
	10		on your complaints to the county?
	11	Α.	The Order that he wrote? Or what?
	12		MS. WILLIAMS: We'll mark it. P-9.
	13		(Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was marked.)
	14	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:
	15	Q	Do you recognize that document?
	16	Α.	Yes, I do.
	17	Q	Do you dispute any of the findings that Judge Sheely
	18		made, other than what we've already discussed? If
reference	19		you've already told me about it, you need only
	20		it.
	21		MS. WALLET: I'll object to the form of the
	22		question only to the concept of findings. Would you
	23		like to identify what you mean by findings?
	24	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:
	25	Q	Well, let me ask it this way. Is this the Order that

	1		you discussed in our previous conversation about Judge
	2		Sheely?
	3	Α.	It is. But I can also note, I read this after quite
	4		some time. My attorney had requested a copy of this.
	5		The only time I even saw a little bit of it was when I
	6		went up to the judge's chambers and his law clerk was
	7		typing this and he explained it to me.
	8	Q	Why do you call it an Order?
was	9	Α.	Well, the judge signed it. It's not an Order but it
	10		his decision.
	11	Q	You had a conversation about this with the law clerk?
	12	Α.	No, no, no. She was typing what Judge Sheely was
	13		dictating.
	14	Q	So you never talked to the law clerk about it?
	15	Α.	No. No. She was just typing it. And that's when he
	16		took me into his chambers and told me what he had
	17		planned to do. But we had requested a copy of this for
that	18		quite some time. I know my attorney was very irate
	19		we had not received a copy for quite some time.
	20	Q	I noticed that she's cc'd on the bottom of it and she
	21		did eventually receive copy, did she not?
	22	Α.	Yes, eventually she did.

Would you take a minute to read over it and tell me if

there is anything that you have not discussed with me

already that you dispute in Judge Sheely's finding.

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	1		MS. WALLET: Again, I'll object. The probler	n is
	2		Judge Sheely will say someone told me something.	Do we
	3		object to the fact that someone told him something	y ?
	4		Maybe not. But we might object to the substance of	of
what				
	5		was said. That's why I would ask you to be specified	fic
	6		about what you mean by a finding.	
	7	MS.	WILLIAMS:	
	8	Q	Perhaps we can just say is there anything other th	ıan
	9		what we've discussed that Judge Sheely states in t	this
	10		memo dated July 11th, 1997, that you dispute or	
	11		disagree?	
	12	Α.	I disagree with how he handled this.	
	13	Q	Yes?	
	14	Α.	Okay.	
	15	Q	We've discussed that. Is there anything that we	
haven't				
this	16		talked about that you would specifically dispute a	at.
	17		point?	
	18	Α.	I'd have to discuss with my attorney to find out,	you
	19		know, actually go over it.	

20 Q Factually. We understand that legal conclusions are

	21		left to your attorney, but it's facts I'm trying to
	22		understand from you.
	23	Α.	I would take exception to that we were best friends.
	24	Q	Do you know why Judge Sheely would have gotten the
	25		impression that you were best of friends?
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	1	Α.	I guess because you have a cooperative, you know,
	2		working relationship. Best friends, friends would not
	3		be a term I would use.
	4	Q	Is there anything else?
	5	Α.	I call exception to the fact that he never had the
, ,	6		opportunity to meet with the two parties in the
chambers	7		
	7		and try to resolve the matter. He met with Mr. Graham,
	8		his attorney, and he met with them I know at least on
	9		two occasions. And we had never had the opportunity to
	10		meet, my attorney and myself, prior to his making this
	11		decision.
	12	Q	We discussed that you never asked for that opportunity;
	13		is that correct?
	14	Α.	Well, at that point this happened, as far as I'm
that	15		concerned this happened very suddenly, that he made
CIIC	16		decision, just after hearing the confession, this

	17		alleged confession, that he would act as far as I'm
	18		concerned on an emotional basis rather than a factual
	19		basis and not meet with all parties prior to this.
Gary's	20	Q	Does it make you angry that Judge Sheely believed
	21		story rather than your story?
	22	Α.	Judge Sheely never actually heard my story from me at
never	23		all. It was always secondhand information. I was
gone	24		given an audience with him to talk about it. I had
	25		through the county, through Dave Deluce, with my

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1		understanding that Dave Deluce had contact with the
2		judge on an ongoing basis.
3	Q	Had you told your story to Dave Deluce?
4	Α.	Yes.
5	Q	Do you know whether Judge Sheely saw that story as
6		presented to him through Dave Deluce?
7	Α.	I have no idea. Even the recommendation we have never
8		been given a copy.
9	Q	Is there anything else that you would dispute?
10		Factually.
11	Α.	Not at this time. I leave it open.

Q If at any point during the course of the discovery you

	13		do find something that you disagree with factually in
her	14		that document, will you advise your attorney and ask
	15		to let me know that?
	16	Α.	Absolutely.
	17	Q	At some point did you bring charges against Barbara
	18		Graham?
	19	Α.	Yes, I did.
	20	Q	I think we discussed that a little bit yesterday.
	21	Α.	Yes.
	22	Q	As part of the discovery process you provided me with a
County	23		facsimile transmission from you at the Cumberland
	24		Juvenile Probation Department to Debra Wallet, your
	25		lawyer. Do you recall that document I'm speaking of?

1		MS. WALLET: Perhaps you could show her.
2		THE WITNESS: If I could see it.
3		MS. WILLIAMS: We can mark it so the record is
4		clear.
5		(Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 10 was marked.)
6	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:
7	Q	Is that your handwriting, Mrs. Varner?
8	A.	Yes, it is.
9	Q	And in that fax you state: Debra, B. Graham admitted

to

	10		the charges. Is that correct?
	11	Α.	Yes.
	12	Q	Exactly what did Barbara Graham say to admit to the
	13		charges?
	14	Α.	The charge of harassment, she admitted to following me
	15		or continuing with me to an area where she was not
	16		parked, that she continued to my car, beside me,
	17		continually talking after I had asked her not to say
which	18		I just asked her to drop it. She continued along,
WIIICII	19		is a continued behavior of harassment, that she had
	20		admitted to doing that. She did follow me to my car,
	21		that she did continue to talk to me, that she had made
	22		the statement that I had this alleged affair with her
	23		husband, and that she was angry at me. That is the
	24		elements of harassment.
she?	25	Q	But the judge found there was no harassment, didn't
one:			

the	1	Α.	DJ Correal felt that Barb Graham had, quote, crossed
	2		line, but she dropped the charges with a warning that
	3		she put be put on notice that any further charges would
	4		be handled differently.
	5	Q	Right. I see that's written there.

	6	A.	Yes. Right.
	7	Q	Do you know whether there's a transcript of that
	8		hearing?
	9	A.	Yes, there is a transcript I'm sure.
	10	Q	Have you ever seen it?
	11	Α.	No, I have not.
	12	Q	Do you remember the district justice in that case
as	13		telling you that she expected more out of you as well
	14		out of Barbara Graham, as well as from Barbara Graham?
	15	A.	No, she not that I recall her saying that, no.
	16	Q	If it's in the transcript, would that be true?
	17	Α.	I would assume it would be.
	18	Q	Do you recall the district justice saying that I have
me,	19		these kinds of cases on a regular basis, and believe
	20		harassment usually is much more severe than this?
	21	A.	I don't recall her saying that. She could have.
	22	Q	But the result was that she was found not guilty of the
	23		harassment charges; is that correct?
	24	Α.	What it was, Ms. Graham stated that we had a case
proceeding,	25		that's, you know, obviously this case was

1 and Judge Correal said, it sounds like this is going to

2 be handled in another court, whatever, and that she

	3		warned her.
	4	Q	But this is a civil case that you've brought.
	5	Α.	Yes. But I think she saw that the problem that
going	6		Ms. Graham was bringing up, this alleged affair is
	7		to be at least discussed or handled, the whole issue
would	8		that probably precipitated this, her anger with me
	9		be handled somewhere else.
	10	Q	Does that satisfy you? I mean, obviously criminal
	11		penalties are different from civil ones.
	12	A.	My intent was not to have Mrs. Graham have criminal
	13		charges. My intent was to put her on warning, because
	14		this had not been the first time. It had been an
	15		ongoing problem, where her crossing the line or
to	16		following me or just intimidating. I just wanted her
	17		get the idea that you just cannot continue this. I had
	18		the right to go to my parking spot. I already moved my
	19		parking spot away from her. That I had the right to be
	20		free and feel safe when I'm going to my car. And free
	21		from harassment. Just doing that.
	22	Q	Did you ever bring any criminal charges against Gary
	23		Graham?
	24	Α.	No, I did not.
	25	Q	I'm going to show you a document again provided by your

- 1 counsel through the discovery process.
- 2 (Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 11 was marked.)
- 3 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 4 Q Is this a document you recognize, Ms. Varner?
- 5 A. Yes, it is.
- 6 Q It's a handwritten document. Is that your handwriting?
- 7 A. No, it is not.
- 8 Q Okay. Whose handwriting is it?
- 9 A. This is Debra Green, a probation officer.
- 10 Q Okay. And under what circumstances did Debra Green
- 11 write this?
- 12 A. Debra Green was aware of most of the things that were
- happening. Obviously, she worked closely with me. And
- she had gone down a list of charges that she felt
- absolutely would be justified in this case.
- 16 Q Justified in what?
- 17 A. Against Mr. Graham.
- 18 Q All of these are possible charges against --
- 19 A. Mr. Graham.
- 20 Q -- Mr. Graham?
- 21 A. Um-hum.
- 22 Q What did you do with this information, if anything?
- 23 A. I had contacted the District Attorney at one time early
- on and I asked him about pressing charges. It was a
- 25 phone conversation, and that would have been Skip

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time.

- 15 Those kind of comments. But --
- 16 Q Do you know if Debra Green ever went to CID or the
- 17 sheriff or the police related to these, this list of
- 18 potential charges?
- 19 A. We had also been called down to the Personnel
- 20 Department. There was a time they -- I'm not sure
- 21 exactly what they were doing. They were doing an
- investigation is what they told us. They were just
- 23 trying to look at different things, and they had called
- 24 several of us down on an individual basis and said,

25 could you tell us what problems are going on in your

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1 department. And at that time we expressed a lot of the concerns; the concerns about Mr. Osenkarski and Gary getting the shoes from this factory under the alleged 3 giving them to a detention center, then personally 4 using 5 them. We had concerns -- we told them all this stuff. I told them about being stalked, and I felt was 6 7 stalking, coming to my home, being touched, the indecent 8 assault, theft by unlawful taking. Mr. Osenkarski had 9 been known almost notorious in our department as one who 10 removes items from the supply cabinet. Mr. Osenkarski? 11 12 Yes, for personal use. That's -- when I first started Α. at Probation I heard that. 13 Have you ever seen him do such a thing? 14 15 Α. No. But it was just one of those things they told me 16 that's why they had to lock to supply cabinet. 17 Mr. Graham had informed me of that, too. He would talk about Mr. Osenkarski taking things out of the supply 18 19 cabinet for personal use. 20 These are things we expressed to them down there,

	21		and they told us they would handle them, they could do
	22		things. But nothing ever came of it.
will	23	Q	I asked in my Answers to Interrogatories, which you
answered	24		recall, I asked in my interrogatories which you
discussed	25		and you will recall I showed you a copy and we

had	1		your verification of it. But I asked you if anybody
	2		made any admissions regarding the case, and your
	3		response was that the memorandum of July 11th, 1997,
	4		which we've marked as P-9, contains many admissions
	5		about the investigation of my complaints.
	6		Can you tell me specifically what you consider to
	7		be an admission?
	8	Α.	Could I see the
	9	Q	Yes, I'm sorry. It's the memo.
	10	Α.	This one?
	11	Q	Yes, July 11.
	12	Α.	And again, could you restate the question again?
	13	Q	Yes. You told me that that memorandum contains many
	14		admissions about the investigation of my complaint and
	15		the fact that Judge Sheely would not implement the
	16		recommendations.

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What specific admissions do you consider Judge

	18		Sheely to have made there?
	19	Α.	Could I see the interrogatory?
	20	Q	Sure.
	21		(Handed to witness.)
	22	Α.	Mr. Graham using the F word and using loud and abusive
	23		language.
	24	Q	That's an admission by Judge Sheely? I'm asking
	25	Α.	Right.
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	1	Q	do you consider that an admission? Okay.
	2	Α.	Admission that he failed to meet with the two parties.
	3		Admission he never spoke to me about the
	4		allegations.
	5	Q	He never spoke to you directly before this
conversation		7)	No.
	6	Α.	No.
	7	Q	Okay.
	8	Α.	He did not.
	9	Q	Is that the extent of the admissions by Judge Sheely in
	10	75	that memo?
us,	11	Α.	I think those would be the most important things for
	12		that he never met with us to resolve the matter and
	13		obviously never met with me and my attorney, never gave

	14		us the opportunity to do that.	
	15	Q	Okay. And we discussed that earlier and we discussed	Ĺ
	16		that you hadn't requested a, specifically requested a	L
	17		meeting.	
	18	A.	Yes.	
because	19	Q	I'm actually going to ask you to hold on to this	
	20		I have one more question on it.	
	21	A.	That's fine.	
	22	Q	Following down the page, you responded: Judge Hoffer	
	23		told me that he did not know why Judge Sheely had not	
	24		taken care of this problem. And you say that's an	
	25		admission.	
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	1		Tell me about that conversation, about that	
	2		conversation with Judge Hoffer. Under what	
	3		circumstances did he say that?	
	4	Α.	After Judge Hoffer took office, he had called me up t	.0
	5		his chambers and he had said he referred to Judge	

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7 said he did not know why Harold had not taken care of

Sheely as Harold. He said he knew about the case and

- 8 this problem before he left.
- 9 Q And what did you say to that?
- 10 A. And I explained to him that -- I explained a little bit

that	11		of the whole case, that I felt more should be done,
	12		I didn't think it was enough action taken, that I was
	13		still, you know, being exposed to Mr. Graham, I was
	14		still being harassed and retaliated.
	15	Q	What did Judge Hoffer say?
	16	Α.	He had asked me what I had wanted, what I would like to
	17		see done. And I don't think the two men should ever
	18		supervise females again. Ideally I would like to have
	19		them fired. And he said he would look into it. And
	20		that's basically it.
	21	Q	Do you remember the date of that conversation?
took	22	Α.	No, I don't. It was it wasn't too long after he
COOK	23		office.
			office.
	24	Q	Who initiated that meeting?
	25	Α.	Judge Hoffer did.

I don't recall the exact date at this time. I believe

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Q And shortly after, was it shortly after that that Gary Graham was sent to another facility at the prison?

A. I'm not sure about the time frame. I know Mr. Graham left our office in May and -- I'm sorry, in March.

Q And when would this conversation have taken place, do you recall, when Judge Hoffer first came on as PJ?

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	8		it would have been the end of the year, end of it
of	9		would have been in I believe he retired at the end
	10		the year.
	11	Q	Judge Sheely?
	12	Α.	Yes. And then it was after that. So possibly at the
	13		beginning of the year is when Judge Hoffer called me up
March	14		and just spoke to me briefly about that. And then
	15		is when Mr. Graham was moved.
	16	Q	Were there any witnesses to that conversation?
	17	Α.	No, there wasn't.
	18	Q	Why did you not write a note about that conversation?
	19	Α.	I don't know, I'm not sure, because I might have it on
	20		maybe a calendar that I had met with the judge, but.
	21	Q	Would you check to see if you have a calendar that has
	22		any information on that
	23	Α.	Yes, I will.
	24	Q	conversation.
	25	Α.	Right.

	1	Q	Thanks.
after	2	Α.	It would have been right after, it wasn't too long
	3		he took office, though.
	4		MS. WALLET: Can could I ask for a five-minute

	5		break, please?
	6		MS. WILLIAMS: Oh, yes, let's. I'm getting near
	7		the end, you'll be pleased to know that.
	8		(Recess taken from 11:26 until 11:35 a.m.)
	9	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:
	10	Q	Ms. Varner, are you aware that Mr. Osenkarski was sent
	11		to sexual harassment training?
	12	Α.	I heard that he was.
plan	13	Q	Are you aware that he submitted a corrective action
	14		to Judge Sheely regarding your complaints?
	15	Α.	No, I'm not aware of that.
	16	Q	Let's talk a little bit about the CASA program. Were
	17		you involved in the development of that program?
	18	Α.	Not from the onset, no. I think that started before
	19		Judge Guido even got on the bench.
	20	Q	Okay. Tell me when you did get involved.
	21	Α.	I first heard about it when Mr. Osenkarski spoke to
	22		several probation officers, I don't know who else was
	23		there, but he said that Judge Guido was looking for an
	24		officer of the court but also someone who knew maybe
and	25		some social work, was familiar with dependency court

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delinquency court, that they would be working directly

	2		with Children and Youth and was wanting to know if any
	3		of us were I interested in it.
a	4	Q	When you say Judge Guido was looking for, was this for
what	5		specific position or was it part of a committee, or
	6		exactly was it that?
	7	Α.	For director of the CASA program. So that's when I
	8		initially heard about Mr. Osenkarski mentioned it. And
	9		when I started to think about it I thought, well, that
	10		would be a good blend for me because I had prior with
I	11		Children and Youth, and also an officer of the court.
	12		knew our court system and I knew dependency and
I'm	13		delinquency so it seemed like a good fit. I thought
	14		just going to look into it.
	15		So I met with Judge Guido and he explained it the
	16		me. His tipstaff, Carl, gave me a lot of paperwork,
he	17		people who had written letters of interest, paperwork
	18		had gotten from the York, I believe it was the York
	19		program who was a model program for CASA. Just letting
	20		me know what it was all about. And he said that they
	21		were in the process of writing a grant, and Laura
	22		Patterson is grant writer for the county, was the one
	23		who was in the process of writing the grant.
	24	Q	At some point were you appointed to a committee?
	25	Α.	A committee?

	1	Q	Involving CASA.
	2	Α.	We were just a group of us, really. It was myself,
	3		Carl, and the judge, were looking at people we could
	4		invite to have a meeting, to try to get some community
	5		interest in the program.
	6		So we had scheduled a meeting at the Carlisle
	7		Country Club, I believe it was March 1st of 2000. I'm
	8		not sure about the date but I believe that's when it
	9		was. And I had invited some attorneys, some
	10		professionals I knew that I had been working with and
people	11		they had done the same, and we compiled a list of
	12		to attend this meeting.
	13	Q	Why were people invited to a meeting?
	14	Α.	Just to try to get some community interest, inform them
	15		of what CASA was all about. We brought in the director
	16		from York who had been running the program so she could
	17		inform the people about you need community support for
	18		this program.
	19	Q	And when you say we, you mean Judge Guido?
	20	Α.	Carl.
	21	Q	You and Carl, what's Carl's last name?
	22	Α.	Connelly, C-O-N-N-E-L-L-Y, I believe.
	23	Q	Would it be Connellan?
	24	Α.	Connellan, there you go. I'm sorry.

25 Q So what transpired at the meeting that you had?

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I think the first thing was just showing an interest.

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1 Α. At the meeting, Judge Guido ran the meeting, and he had 2 introduced me as the potential CASA director. 3 Q. This is the first meeting? 4 Α. Yes, as far as -- yes, as a community meeting. 5 Are there minutes of that meeting, do you know? Q 6 Α. I'm sure there were. I believe it would have been Laura Patterson's secretary, I believe she was there taking 7 8 notes. 9 And Judge Guido introduced you as the potential 0 director? 10 As who he had selected to be the director, yes. 11 Α. 12 What exactly did he say? Q. He had introduced me and he said that we were hoping to 13 Α. 14 get a program started in Cumberland County, and that I 15 had been chosen as the potential director for it, if the 16 program would get going. 17 He said you had actually been chosen? 18 Α. He had chosen me, yes. What process did you go through to be selected as 19 director by Judge Guido? 20

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22	Then I met with him and explained my background. I
23	believe I gave him a copy of my resume. He was
24	surprised he did not know I had a master's degree in
25	administration of justice, which was an aid.

	1		And I heard about the program. It just sounded
	2		like something that I would like to at least pursue.
okay	3		And I asked him at our first meeting if it would be
I	4		for me to go and visit some sites of other locations.
	5		went to Pittsburgh, to York, and had a lot of
	6		correspondence, email with other programs, getting
	7		information just exactly what CASA was all about. And
	8		Mr. Osenkarski allowed me the time to go do several
	9		visits.
	10	Q	Did you talk with Judge Guido about the complaints that
	11		you had raised and this lawsuit?
	12	Α.	No. I never discussed that with Judge Guido.
	13	Q	How many meetings of this committee were there, do you
	14		recall?
	15	Α.	I know there was that one. They were trying to get a
	16		steering committee, people that would be committed to
	17		being on the board. That's what they were looking for,
	18		interest and also a board that you would you have to

	19		have a board to support the program.
	20	Q	Do you serve on this board now?
	21	Α.	I'm still part of it. I still get the newsletters and
	22		stuff.
	23	Q	Do you attend meetings now?
	24	Α.	No. I've chosen not to.
just	25	Q	Do you recall any talk at these meetings that we've

program	1		discussed or in any other context about what the
program			
	2		director's salary would be worth?
	3	A.	When they started developing the grant they just took
my			
	4		salary. Laura Patterson asked me for my salary, and
	5		that's what they put on as in our grant.
	6	Q	Do you know why she did that?
	7	Α.	I always assumed because I was the one they were
	8		choosing to head up the program.
	9	Q	Did you ever have a conversation with Laura about why
	10		that figure was used?
	11	Α.	It was my salary, because it was planned that I would
be			
	12		the director.
	13	Q	Did you have a conversation with Laura about your
	14		salary

	15	A.	Yes, I did.
	16	Q	and why it would be used? What exactly did Laura
say			
	17		to you?
	18	Α.	She had been at the meeting, also, that meeting at the
	19		country club. And she had heard as far as I think
I	20		both her and I were concerned, we were going ahead and
information	21		would be the director. And she was using my
	22		to fill in on the grant.
being	23	Q	Do you recall any discussion of the director's job
	24		a part-time job rather than a full-time job?
	25	Α.	No. No, I did not want part-time employment.

	1	Q	But did you ever hear any conversation about whether it
	2		could be approved as a full-time position?
	3	Α.	From the very beginning it was going to be a full-time
	4		position.
	5	Q	How do you know that?
	6	Α.	All of them, as far as my knowledge, all of them were
not	7		full-time positions. I don't know, I personally did
	8		know anybody was doing it on a part-time basis in any
	9		county.
	10	Q	Were there meetings perhaps between the commissioners

	11		and Judge Guido or between other parties that you might
	12		not be privy to, where the salary or the part-time
	13		full-time issue might be discussed?
	14	A.	Well, certainly. I have no knowledge of that.
	15	Q	Did you ever hear that the commissioners might be
at	16		willing to support a full-time CASA director position
	17		your salary if it would resolve your lawsuit?
	18	A.	I never heard that until the very end.
	19	Q	Tell me about the very end.
	20	A.	It was, we were in a meeting with the court
	21		administrator, I guess assistant court administrator.
	22	Q	Could you give me the name?
	23	A.	She's blonde. I cannot think of her name.
	24	Q	Is it Taryn Dixon?
	25	Α.	Yes, Taryn Dixon. She was there. Tom Boyer was there
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	1		Joe Osenkarski was there. Judge Guido was there. I
	2		believe Carl was there. And I'm not sure if anybody
	3		else was there. And we were basically finalizing,
	4		because I had asked that if the position did not work
	5		out, that I would be able to come back to Probation.
	6		had asked certain conditions. I had also asked that is
	7		Probation would get a raise, that I would get a raise.

	8		Those were trying to negotiate the final points.
	9	Q	Right. Were these communicated by you or through your
	10		attorney, do you know?
	11	Α.	I'm sure we spoke about that.
	12	Q	When you say we, who do you
	13	Α.	My attorney and myself, we spoke about that. Because I
	14		wanted assured that I had a job if they did not apply
gotten	15		for a grant again. And it was my attorney had
or	16		a call informing us, I believe it was from Mr. Thomas
	17		Dellasega, I'm not sure which one, saying that I could
	18		not have the position unless I withdraw my case, my
	19		Complaint. That was the first time we heard that there
anything,	20		had been anything, one had anything to do with
	21		with the other one, any relevance to it.
	22	Q	And do you remember the date of all this discussion?
	23	Α.	I do not know the date when they contacted her, no.
	24	Q	Do you have any note about it in your packet? I
	25		don't

- 1 A. That probably would have been something just between my 2 attorney and myself, my personal notes from her.
- 3 Q The meeting with Taryn, T-A-R-Y-N, Dixon and Judge
- 4 Guido, that you had told us about --

	5	Α.	Probably would be on a calendar.
	6	Q	Will you check to see if there are any notes that you
	7		have related to that meeting?
	8	Α.	Certainly.
	9	Q	So were you ever aware that Judge Guido felt that the
you	10		CASA director position was not worth the salary that
	11		were being paid at that time?
	12	Α.	No.
	13	Q	That was never discussed in any of the meetings you
	14		attended?
	15	Α.	Judge Guido was aware of my salary when I applied.
	16	Q	Was there ever any discussion in your presence of what
	17		the commissioners felt that salary would be worth?
	18	Α.	No.
	19	Q	Did Judge Guido ever tell you that he didn't think
	20		funding at your probation officer's salary would be
	21		approved
	22	Α.	No.
	23	Q	by the commissioners?
	24	Α.	No, he did not. He said it was a program he wanted to
	25		get started, and I think he felt he had enough leverage

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1 that it would go through.

	2	Q	You sent a memo to Judge Guido, and we can mark this as
	3		P-12.
	4		(Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 12 was marked.)
	5	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:
	6	Q	This is a memo dated July 12th, 2000, and it indicates
	7		that it's from you. Do you recall typing up this memo?
	8	Α.	Yes, I do.
	9	Q	Okay. And in this memo you say: I personally
	10		presented it's in the second paragraph I
	11		personally presented the grant at the commissioners
were	12		meeting on June 16th where the terms and conditions
	13		agreed to and signed by the commissioners.
there	14		What do you mean by presented? What happened
	15		at that meeting?
	16	Α.	They had a commissioners meeting, it was an open forum,
me.	17		and Laura Patterson, the grant writer, had gone with
	18		And there was a place to sign as a director, agreement,
	19		for the CASA program for them, the commissioners, to
	20		approve the grant. And it was presented. They already
	21		had known about it. They had a copy of it. And it was
	22		brought up before the board about the interest.
	23		And I believe it was Nancy Besch, one of the
	24		commissioners, had stated how anyways, one of the
	25		commissioners had said how they were for this, they

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- 2 they had signed it. They signed the grant and I signed
- 3 as a director.
- 4 Q Are there minutes of that meeting, do you know?
- 5 A. I'm sure there are.
- 6 Q Do you have a copy of them?
- 7 A. No, I do not. It was Laura and myself that went to the
- 8 meeting.
- 9 Q Was Judge Guido present?
- 10 A. No. He was not at the commissioners meeting.
- 11 Q Did you ever talk to Judge Hoffer about the CASA
- 12 program?
- 13 A. I don't recall ever speaking to him about it.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Off the record a second.
- 15 (Discussion held off the record.)
- MS. WILLIAMS: Let's mark that 13.
- 17 (Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 13 was marked.)
- 18 BY MS. WILLIAMS:
- 19 Q Let me ask you if you can identify that document,
- Ms. Varner?
- 21 A. Yes. It's the grant proposal for CASA.
- 22 Q And to your knowledge, is that the grant proposal that
- was actually submitted?
- 24 A. To my knowledge, it is, yes.
- 25 Q Now, you indicated a minute ago that you had to sign

	1		this document as the
	2	Α.	That's correct.
	3	Q	proposed executive director?
	4	Α.	Program director.
	5	Q	Program director?
	6	Α.	Um-hum.
	7	Q	Can you point out where your signature appears?
	8	Α.	It's page 6, the very last page.
the	9	Q	Did you say that you signed this in the meeting with
	10		commissioners?
	11	Α.	Yes.
around	12	Q	And what conversation or pronouncements were made
	13		your signing of this document, do you recall?
	14	Α.	Nancy Besch signed it. I was given I remember Laura
	15		was with me, because I said to Laura, it said
cross	16		administrator board president, and Laura said just
	17		that out and write program director above that, because
	18		she was familiar with how the grant language would be
	19		written.
	20	Q	I'm confused about why a proposed director would be
	21		required to sign for a proposed program that is not yet
	22		in existence. Do you know why that would be true?
	23	Α.	I think by getting the commissioner's name on there,

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they were saying they were on, they all agreed to this,

	25		that they would follow through, that perhaps if the	
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	1		grant didn't go through, that they would still be	
	2		willing to, you know, underwrite it. I do not know.	
	3		All I know is this is how it proceeded.	
	4	Q	But at this point the program was not actually in	
	5		existence, if I understand correctly; is that right?	
	6	Α.	That's correct. But Laura had she saw no reason why	7
	7		it would not go. She had met, she had met all the	
	8		criteria for it. She's a pretty good judge of whether,	
	9		you know, things go.	
	10		And I think CASA, the national CASA had said that,	
	11		you know, they were willing they were trying to	
	12		develop all new programs and the money was available.	
the	13	Q	Now, was this before or after you were informed that	
	14		CASA director's position was being offered to you as a	
	15		settlement of your suit?	
to	16	Α.	This was prior, because in the note that I sent wrote	
13th.	17		Judge Guido, the date on my signature here is June	
	18		The letter I, memo I wrote the Judge Guido was July	
	19		12th. And it says as of July 12th I had not heard any	

	20		more about I'm sharing some concerns. It says I met
	21		on June 16th. I was making preparations to transfer
out			
	22		of my department, until at the 11th hour when an issue
	23		came up regarding my salary. So this was prior to my
	24		learning this.
	25		MS. WALLET: I'm sorry, you'll have to clarify,
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	1		which was first?
	2		THE WITNESS: Okay. The CASA, when I signed the
	3		CASA grant was prior to me being informed that I could
	4		not have it unless I withdraw my charges. And that's
	5		why I had wrote this letter to Judge Guido, because at
	6		that time our quarterly reports for the CASA program
to	7		just in getting the grant was coming up, and I wanted
	8		get it implemented.
	9	BY MS	. WILLIAMS:
	10	Q	What response, if any, did you receive to your memo of
	11		July 12th? Which we've marked as P-12.
	12	Α.	I did not get a response. Judge Guido did Judge
	13		Guido contacted my attorney and requested if there's
any			
	14		way we can work this out, get the case settled, what
	15		could we do to make sure I would get the position.
	16	Q	Did you actually have any conversation with Judge Guido

- about it after you wrote the memo?
- 18 A. He also talked -- called me up and asked me if I could
- do anything about coming up with a resolution that
- somehow I could have this position, and can I resolve
- 21 the Complaint, is there anything we can do. And I
- 22 explained to Judge Guido at that time, I said, I don't
- see that there's any connection. It was not a
- connection made to me at the very beginning, they were
- just coming looking for a director and I just --

- 1 Q What did Judge Guido say to that?
- 2 A. He said he wanted me in the position, he would like me
- 3 to have the position, and he wanted me to find out if
- 4 there's anything we could do to work it out and to talk
- 5 to my attorney.
- 6 Q And did you do that?
- 7 A. Yes, I did.
- 8 Q Were you eventually offered the job?
- 9 A. Yes, at a lower salary, at around 29,000.
- 10 Q Prior to this, although you had signed the CASA grant
- form, was there a formal job offer made?
- 12 A. Judge Guido had said he wanted me for the position.
- 13 Q Right. But the formal job offer came with the lower
- 14 salary. Am I understanding that right?

	15	A.	No. Before this, whenever we worked with Laura
	16		Patterson, I was under the belief that I had the
	17		position at my salary.
	18	Q	But had you signed any documents, any I don't know
	19		what documents the county would require, but had you
	20		signed anything indicating that you were in a new
	21		position officially with the county or the court?
paperwork	22	Α.	The only thing I signed was the CASA, the CASA
	23		as you've noted, with my salary listed as the starting
	24		salary for this position.
with	25	Q	Is that the extent of the conversation you ever had

1	Judge Guido on the CASA position?
2	MS. WALLET: You're referring to the several
3	communications she's testified to?
4	MS. WILLIAMS: She's testified to the one where
5	Judge Guido apparently telephoned you or talked with
6	you.
7	MS. WALLET: I guess I'll object to the question.
8	Could you ask the question again?
9	BY MS. WILLIAMS:
10	Q I'm interested in what happened after you found out
11	that there was a tie to resolving the case, that the

	12		position was tied to resolving the case. Tell me about
	13		every conversation you had with Judge Guido after you
	14		discovered that the position was offered only if the
	15		case was resolved.
	16	Α.	Like I said, he had called me up and asked if there was
	17		any way we could resolve this, and he was aware that
	18		obviously that this was becoming an issue. He was
	19		informed of the case, and the Complaint. And he just
	20		asked me if there was any way I could work it out, work
	21		it out with my attorney to come to some kind of
	22		resolution for the case.
	23	Q	Right. Were there any other conversations you had with
	24		him?
	25	Α.	I can't I don't exactly remember. I don't recall at
			Barbara Varner 319
	1		this point.
	2	Q	How did you turn down the CASA directorship? Did you
do			
	3		that orally or in writing?
that	4	Α.	I told Judge Hoffer no, I'm sorry Judge Guido
	5		I would not take it at the lower salary and I didn't
	6		think there should be any connection between the two.
	7	Q	Was this in the conversation you just told me about?
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	8		did you have a subsequent conversation?
him	9	Α.	I believe there was a subsequent, because I remember
And	10		telling me that he was going to start interviewing.
work	11		he had like a list of is there any way you could
	12		it out and at that salary, I would have to accept that
	13		salary, and I said I would not.
	14	Q	My understanding of that job is that it's finding and
of	15		training volunteers. Is that an accurate description
	16		the job?
	16 17	Α.	<pre>the job? That's correct, yes.</pre>
		A. Q	
	17		That's correct, yes.
	17 18	Q	That's correct, yes. Would that job have been a promotion for you?
	17 18 19	Q A.	That's correct, yes. Would that job have been a promotion for you? No, it wouldn't have been. It would have been lateral.
	17 18 19 20	Q A.	That's correct, yes. Would that job have been a promotion for you? No, it wouldn't have been. It would have been lateral. In fact, it would have taken you out of the mainstream
	17 18 19 20 21	Q A. Q	That's correct, yes. Would that job have been a promotion for you? No, it wouldn't have been. It would have been lateral. In fact, it would have taken you out of the mainstream of probation work?
	17 18 19 20 21 22	Q A. Q A.	That's correct, yes. Would that job have been a promotion for you? No, it wouldn't have been. It would have been lateral. In fact, it would have taken you out of the mainstream of probation work? Yes, it would have.

- ${\tt Q}\,{\tt Do}$ you know if there have been any complaints about the
- person who is program director now?
- A. I have heard complaints from some Children and Youth

	4		workers at the very beginning. The reason was that the
	5		new director, Anita Brewster, had no idea what
	6		dependency meant. She had never worked the court
	7		system. And they were just frustrated because you have
	8		to go in and be able to read a file, they had the right
	9		to read actual case files. You've got to be able to
	10		read the file, understand what the court orders mean.
	11		She wasn't familiar with our court system, which as
	12		everybody knows is different than anybody else's. They
	13		were very frustrated with her lack of knowledge.
	14	Q	Who are those people? Can you give me names?
	15	Α.	Yes. It would be Becky, her name would have been Becky
	16		Over at that time. She was a caseworker. Her name is
	17		Byers now.
	18	Q	Do you know if the administration is pleased with
	19		Ms. Brewster's work?
	20	Α.	As far as I know, they are.
	21	Q	And are you aware of the salary that she receives?
	22	Α.	I'm assuming she started at the entrance level salary
	23		that they offered me, but I do not know.
+ a 1 a	24	Q	Do you have any other facts other than those you've
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entitlement	25		me today that indicate your entitlement, the

	1		you claim you have to the CASA position?
	2	A.	I think I was the most qualified person they could have
	3		found in the fact that I had worked dependency, court
	4		system, for over five years. I was familiar with all
	5		the caseworkers, which you need to be able to work very
	6		closely with them. I knew how to do reports. I was an
	7		officer of the court so I knew the delinquency system.
	8		And there would be times that CASA was supposed to be
	9		used for delinquent kids, too. So I was aware of both
	10		systems, I knew the courthouse system. I knew the
	11		judges. I was familiar with everything that went on in
	12		both arenas. I also had a master's degree in
	13		administration of justice.
	14	Q	Did you need a master's degree for that position?
it	15	A.	No, you did not. It was just an aid for me. I think
IL	16		made me even more qualified for the position.
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	17	Q	Could you have been over-qualified for the position?
	18	Α.	Perhaps. It just would give me relief from the
	19		Probation Department at that time.
is	20	Q	I'm interested in whether you have a theory, and this
affair	21		going back, to why Gary Graham says he has had an
	22		with you, if you say you didn't have an affair. Do you
	23		have any insight or any theory on that?
	24	A.	Yes, I do. I think if he did not, was not able to hide
way	25		behind that, he would have no reason to treat me the

1 he did. 2 I think he -- it's a way for him to punish his 3 wife. I can imagine that Mr. Graham would perhaps say 4 to her, "you wouldn't give me sex but I can get it 5 elsewhere." I could see him using that. But I think going before Judge Sheely and just 6 7 saying I did yell at her, I did curse at her, I just 8 felt like it, yes, I demanded sex, Judge Sheely would 9 have -- I think he would have taken more drastic 10 measures. Taking his wife up there, confessing the way 11 he did in front of his wife, both in tears, absolutely 12 getting the heart strings of Judge Sheely. And Mrs. Graham had worked for him for a long time. He had 13 watched them have children, bring the young children in 14 to see him. And he was close with the family as well 15 16 the political arena. So he knew this family very well. I think that was a whole game plan. I honestly believe 17 she was in on the whole plan, because I think Gary 18 19 losing his job --When you say she, you mean --20 0 Mrs. Graham, was aware of how it was going to be 21 Α. 22 orchestrated. I really believe that, because I know 23 they had met with Mr. Foster for hours that morning 24 before going up to meet with Judge Sheely. But I

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25 honestly --

1 Q. You know that Gary and his wife --2 Α. And Mrs. Graham had met with Dave Foster in his office 3 for several hours the day of this confession. And Dave Foster is their? 4 5 Was their attorney. Α. 6 Was their attorney? Q 7 His attorney. Α. 8 How do you know that they met with Dave Foster for 9 hours? 10 Α. Well, they were back in their office and my office is right around the corner. But that's my -- I just can't 11 12 imagine what else. And also, puts this whole case on 13 another level, a different thing. It's a he said/she said thing, which it is not. It is all about power and 14 how I was treated in the environment, how I was 15 harassed 16 and discriminated and retaliated against, when all I wanted to do from the very beginning in March of '97 17 was 18 to have the harassment stop. That's all I asked. When you spoke to Judge Sheely, and we've talked at 19 Q 20 length about that conversation, the first time you spoke 21 to Judge Sheely about your complaints, was he

you	22		sympathetic to you at all? Did he say anything that
	23		construed to be sympathetic to you?
	24	Α.	None whatsoever. None whatsoever. He said that I had
on	25		caused problems in the family. He kept going on and
on,			
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	1		you just don't know how upset they were, they both
	2		cried. Well orchestrated.
	3	Q	Did he say to you that he hoped that your family life
	4		wouldn't be affected by it?
	5	Α.	Yes, he did.
	6	Q	Tell me what exactly he said, to your recollection.
And	7	Α.	He said, I hope this won't affect your family life.
71110	8		I said to him, why should it affect my family life? I
	9		didn't do anything. I'm the victim here.
	10	Q	Did you construe that to be sympathetic to you, to say
		Q	
	11		he hoped when he said he hoped it wouldn't affect
	12		your family?
	13	Α.	Perhaps it could have been interpreted that way.
	14	Q	You said it was well orchestrated. Are you contending
	15		that Judge Sheely was somehow in on a conspiracy with
	16		the Grahams?
	17	Α.	I'd say there's a very good possibility that I don't

	18		think he knew it was going to happen that way, but I
	19		think after getting this like I said before, I
	20		believe there was a letter sent up to him prior to, the
	21		day before, reminding him of the loyalty of the Graham
	22		family with Judge Sheely in his elections.
to	23		I think Mr. Osenkarski had met with Judge Sheely
20	24		discuss the case, how it could be resolved. I think
	25		maybe they discussed how, what they could do.
	23		maybe they discussed now, what they could do.
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	1	Q	Do you have any dates of meetings or any specifics of
	2		such meetings?
	3	Α.	No, I do not.
	4	Q	So you're speculating that this might have happened?
	5	A.	I am speculating, yes.
	6	Q	Now, Judge Sheely retired shortly after this
	7	A.	Yes.
	8	Q	as we discussed earlier?
	9	Α.	Right.
	10	Q	At that point, the point of retirement, did he have any
	11		more use for political cronies?
	12	Α.	I think Judge Sheely probably always liked to be in the
	13		political arena. I think it was more of a he owed them
	14		because of the prior support, he felt he owed and I

	15		believe it was more sympathetic towards Barb Graham,
and			
	16		I believe that's why she was taken up for this
	17		confession. I believe that's probably the most
a: a	18		important reason she was there, because Judge Sheely
did			
	19		have a soft spot for her.
	20	Q	Just so I'm clear, are you saying that this wasn't on
	21		Judge Sheely's part a determination of credibility, but
	22		that it was a conspiracy where he conspired with the
	23		Grahams to find that this was an affair?
	24	A.	I think he struggled with the political connections. I
	25		think he really struggled with not so much what was

1		right, what was legal. It was more of I don't want to
2		hurt this family, meaning the Grahams, anymore, that
3		they've suffered enough, and it was directed at me.
4	Q	But do you believe that Judge Sheely devised this story
5		of an affair?
6	Α.	No, I don't believe he devised it. I believe the
7		Grahams did.
8	Q	So your position is Judge Sheely was willing to believe
9		their story?
10	Α.	I think he wanted to believe their story.
11	Q	I'm almost finished. I just want to look over a few

	12		last notes.
	13		Yesterday when Jim Thomas was discussing the
	14		occasions that Gary Graham might have had to come to
	15		your home, you said that Gary knocked on your garage
	16		door. Did I understand that correctly?
	17	A.	Yes.
	18	Q	To pick you up.
	19	A.	Yes.
the	20	Q	How did Gary know to come to the garage door and not
	21		front door?
	22	Α.	When you come to my house we leave the garage door
of	23		open and it's difficult not difficult but it's out
	24		the way to go to the front door. The likely way to
	25		enter would be the garage door.
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	1	Q	Somebody coming for the first time would know that, in
	2		your opinion?
	3	Α.	Yes. Yes, generally they do.
	4	Q	Have you ever been the victim of date rape?
	5	Α.	No, I have not.
any	6	Q	When you divorced your first husband, did you allege
	7		fault ground? Do you know what I mean by that?
	8	Α.	If you could clarify that.

- 9 Q In Pennsylvania now you can have a no-fault divorce 10 where basically the parties agree that the marriage is 11 broken, or you can have a divorce where you say you did something wrong, you're at fault. 12 13 Which kind of divorce did you have? 14 Α. We had a no-fault. 15 Did you date anyone except Lee Varner between your 16 marriage, the break-up of your first marriage and your 17 marriage to Lee Varner? No, I didn't. 18 Α. 19 Are you older or younger than Gary Graham, if you know? Q 20 I believe I'm several years older. Did you find it flattering to have a younger man 21 22 interested in you? 23 It really didn't make one difference one way or the Α.
- 25 Q At some point did you become certified to be a DUI

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other.

- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q Does that involve an exam?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q Did you pass the exam?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.

- 7 Q Did you pass it on the first try?
- 8 A. The DUI? Yes, I did.
- 9 Q Do you have any reason to believe that if you had asked
- 10 for a meeting with Judge Sheely, that he would have
- 11 denied you that meeting?
- 12 A. Probably not. Unfortunately, he had already made his
- decision before we could meet with him.
- 14 Q But there was quite a time, there was a time frame
- 15 between the initiation of your Complaint and the time
- 16 that Judge Sheely, as you say, made the decision?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q In that time frame could you have asked to speak with
- 19 Judge Sheely?
- 20 A. I'm sure we could have. But we were under the
- 21 understanding, meaning we, my attorney and myself, that
- Dave Deluce was in constant contact with Judge Sheely.
- 23 Q But you could have gone directly to Judge Sheely?
- 24 A. Yes, we could have.
- 25 Q You talked yesterday about the Central Investigation

- 1 Department and harassment charges that you discussed
- 2 with them.
- 3 A. Right.
- 4 Q Did you initiate that conversation with the CID?

	5	Α.	No. What happened, I had spoke with the sheriff. He
	6		had called me in and he had told me in fact, it was
	7		the day right around the time Mr. Graham was being
moved			
taken	8		to the new position. He had told me that they had
	9		Mr. Graham's gun from him and that he would be searched
	10		anytime he came into the prison. And he had asked the
	11		CID director to come down and meet with us at the same
	12		time. So it was Tom Kline, the sheriff, who had
	13		initiated the initial call.
	14	Q	But you initiated the call to the sheriff; am I
	15		understanding that correctly?
	16	Α.	I think we probably passed in the hall and he said, do
	17		you have a minute, I want to talk to you.
	18	Q	And what did he say at that point?
	19	Α.	That's when he said I need for you to know that they
	20		Mr. Graham was going to be moved out of the building
and			
	21		that there was concerns about retaliation of his anger,
	22		and that
	23	Q	Who expressed those concerns?
	24	Α.	The sheriff. The sheriff, Tom Kline.
	25	Q	On his own?

	1	Α.	And the CID. Yes. They were both aware of the prior
	2		anger issues with Mr. Graham.
	3	Q	Were there any witnesses to that meeting?
	4	Α.	The CID director was there, yes.
	5	Q	Both the CID director and the sheriff?
	6	Α.	Yes.
	7		MS. WILLIAMS: That's all I have for you,
	8		Ms. Varner, and I appreciate your attention.
hours.	9		MR. MacMAIN: I probably have an hour or two
	10		I don't know if you want to take a lunch break and come
	11		back, if you want to just continue on, I really don't
	12		care.
	13		MR. ADAMS: With that in mind, I don't know how
	14		long you need to examine Mr. Osenkarski, but I will not
	15		be here tomorrow, and the person that's replacing me
	16		cannot be present to defend his deposition. So I don't
	17		know how much time you have with all that's been taken
	18		this morning.
	19		MS. WALLET: Did you know that yesterday?
be	20		MR. ADAMS: Yes, I did. I didn't think we would
	21		here this long, honestly.
particular	22		MS. WILLIAMS: Sorry. There were issues
	23		to the judges that I thought I was entitled to know.
	24		MR. MacMAIN: I'm agreeable if you want to do
	25		Mr. Osenkarski this afternoon. I can do the portion

	1	that remains that I have with Ms. Varner tomorrow, if
	2	that's agreeable.
	3	MR. ADAMS: Or we can simply bring Mr. Osenkarski
	4	back. He's not beside the fact that this is
	5	prolonging the opportunity for him, I mean, I do not
	6	object to for any reason to think that we can't set
	7	another time.
	8	(Discussion held off the record.)
	9	MS. WILLIAMS: What do you think, Deb?
produce	10	MS. WALLET: I'm not happy. I said I would
be	11	my client for a long half day, and I consider this to
	12	a long half day. And I think it's unconscionable that
	13	you didn't tell me yesterday that there was going to be
	14	this problem. I'm not happy about that.
	15	MR. ADAMS: I apologize.
	16	MR. THOMAS: Off the record.
	17	(Recess taken from 12:16 until 1:16 p.m.)
	18	BY MR. MacMAIN:
	19	Q We're going to start up after the lunch break.
	20	Ms. Varner, my name is David MacMain. I represent
	21	Gary Graham. We met yesterday. I think we met at one
	22	prior occasion.
have	23	Same instructions that all the other attorneys

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given you. If I ask you a question you don't

understand	21		given you. If I ask you a question you don't
	25		or I use a term, say so and I'll try to rephrase it.
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	1		But I will tell you we're going to cover a number of
	2		different areas, some of which have already been
covered	۷		different aleas, some of which have affeady been
	3		I may have some specific questions about, some things
signals	4		that haven't been covered. I'll try to give you
Signais	5		when we're moving into a different area.
			-
	6		First of all, is there anything that you testified
	7		to yesterday in thinking about overnight that you would
	8		like to recollect or add to?
	9	Α.	Not at this point.
	10	Q	Same question as to anything talked about today or any
	11		questions you were asked, is there anything you would
	12		like to correct after the lunch break?
	13	Α.	Not at this point.
	14	Q	Have you ever been involved in any other lawsuits of
any			
	15		nature, either as a plaintiff, someone who brought the
	16		suit, or as a defendant, someone who has been sued?
	17	Α.	Workmen's Comp years ago when I worked for the
	18		Intermediate Unit. It was not really a suit, it was
	19		just an insurance claim.

- 20 Q Can you tell me, it was a Worker's Comp claim?
- 21 A. Yes, it was.
- 22 Q Can you tell me about that?
- 23 A. I was injured while I was working for the intermediate
- unit. Herniated two discs in my lower back.
- 25 Q Did you have a procedure on your herniated disc?

- 1 A. No. No. It was -- there was nothing done to my back.
- 2 Q Who did you see for diagnosis and treatment?
- 3 A. Dr. Richard Baltz, B-A-L-T-Z.
- 4 Q Where is Dr. Baltz located?
- 5 A. He's in Camp Hill.
- 6 Q And Dr. Baltz is a medical doctor as opposed to a
- 7 chiropractor?
- 8 A. He's an orthopedic doctor.
- 9 Q Did you have any type of procedure or surgery done?
- 10 A. No, I didn't.
- 11 Q Can you tell me the time frame?
- 12 A. Oh, mid '80s.
- 13 Q And how was it you herniated discs in your back?
- 14 A. There was a young child in the classroom that I worked
- in who has cerebral palsy. It was necessary as part of
- 16 the therapeutic program that we walk him every day. He
- 17 was very spastic, and as he would fall he would quickly

	18		go down, and I would be required to pick him up and
	19		catch him. And it just one day it just didn't work
	20		anymore, and I hurt, had pain in my back.
	21	Q	Other than Dr. Baltz, did you seek any other medical
	22		treatment for that back injury?
	23	Α.	No. He was my primary physician. There was some
no,			
	24		I did not. No. No.
	25	Q	There was no one else you sought treatment from?
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	1	Α.	Not for that, no.
	2	Q	Did you seek treatment for some other back injury at
	3		some point?
	4	Α.	I had been in a car accident when I was working for
	5		Juvenile Probation, probably, I'm guessing '97. I was
	6		rear-ended.
	7	Q	And where did that occur?
1 1'	8	Α.	That occurred on the split from the 581 split
heading			
	9		towards Route 15 where it merges out.
	10	Q	Maybe the easier way is was that investigated by a
	11		police department? Was there an accident report?
	12	Α.	Yes, there was. And yes, there was a facts report.
been?	13	Q	Do you know what police department that would have
neen:			
	14	Α.	It would have been you know, I really don't remember

	15		the police being involved. I remember both of us
	16		exiting off the on-ramp and exchanging insurance cards.
	17		I don't remember a police investigation, no.
	18	Q	When I had mentioned accident report, you thought there
filled	19		may have been one. Was there some type of report
	20		out by either you or the other driver?
	21	A.	We did for the insurance, for insurance companies, yes.
	22	Q	And this was in a county vehicle?
	23	A.	No. It was my own personal vehicle.
	24	Q	Did you file any type of claim either with your
	25		insurance company, with the other driver?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q And who was your insurance carrier?
- 3 A. It would have been All State.
- 4 Q And do you know who the insurance carrier was for the
- 5 other driver?
- 6 A. No. I don't -- I'm not sure.
- 8 claim that was submitted?
- 9 A. Probably not.
- 10 Q You were rear-ended?
- 11 A. Yes.

- 12 Q And what type -- were you injured?
- 13 A. Yes. I just suffered some -- I had some lower back
- pains.
- 15 Q Did you seek treatment for that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q And where did you get treatment?
- 18 A. Dr. Do. Just D-O, Dr. Do.
- 19 Q Where is Dr. Do located?
- 20 A. He was part of -- he was at the Rehab Center in
- 21 Mechanicsburg.
- 22 Q What type of doctor is Dr. Do, an orthopedic?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q How long did you get treatment from Dr. Do?
- 25 A. Several months.

- 1 Q Did you miss time from work?
- 2 A. No, only for -- I went to physical therapy but I don't
- 3 believe I missed any time from work. I don't believe.
- 4 Q This was in '97? Can you tell me --
- 5 A. I believe it was '97.
- 6 Q Can you tell me what month or what time of year?
- 7 A. No, I'm not -- I'm not sure.
- 8 Q Did you report the accident to the folks at the county?
- 9 A. Yes.

	10	Q	Any other doctors besides Dr. Do you sought treatment
	11		for your back?
initial	12	Α.	No. And whenever I finished with Dr. Baltz, the
	13		injury, he had no restrictions or anything for me. It
	14		was just it was just exercise and, you know, that
	15		kind of thing.
	16	Q	Did you see a chiropractor at all for either of the two
	17		times?
	18	Α.	No, I did not.
	19	Q	You said you had physical therapy. Where did you get
	20		physical therapy?
	21	Α.	At the Rehab Center off of Route 15. I'm not sure of
	22		the name of the it was a rehab center.
	23	Q	Is it the same center that Dr. Do is affiliated with?
	24	Α.	No, it was well, he referred me there but it's not
	25		the same building.

- 1 $\,$ Q $\,$ And relating to the '97, you believe '97 accident, did
- 2 you get any type of procedure done?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q Any other times when you have sought treatment for your
- 5 back other than the two you've told me about?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q And neither one of these resulted in a lawsuit?

	8	Α.	No.
	9	Q	You were shown a document earlier which we marked as
	10		Varner 7 which is series of notes you kept regarding
	11		events that occurred here.
	12		Did you keep a calendar during the period of '90
	13		through the present? What I mean by that is a yearly
	14		Daytimer or notebook where you kept your appointments
	15		and visits and so forth?
	16	A.	What dates are you talking about?
yearly	17	Q	From the years '90 to the present. Do you keep a
yearry	18		calendar?
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	19	Α.	I would keep one but I usually just got rid of them at
	20		the end of the year. When I left Children and Youth
	21		got rid of all my calendars.
	22	Q	Do you have any calendars, say, currently, saved
	23		currently?
	24	A.	Probably 2000. 1999, 2000.
	25	Q	And for prior years you think you threw out

1 A. Yes	•
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- 2 Q Okay. Did you keep a hard calendar or did you keep it
- 3 on the computer?
- 4 A. No. I had several different calendars, just hard copy.

	5	Q	Nothing on a computer?
	6	A.	No. I never used a computer for calendars.
	7	Q	Did you keep any type of diary at any point from '90 to
	8		the present?
	9	Α.	No. I don't keep diaries.
	10	Q	Do you know and work with, I think you had mentioned a
	11		Hank Thielemann?
	12	Α.	Yes.
	13	Q	Do you have a good relationship, working relationship
	14		with Mr. Thielemann?
	15	Α.	We have a working relationship.
	16	Q	Do you find Mr. Thielemann to be fair?
	17	Α.	He is becoming fair, I believe.
	18	Q	Do you find Mr. Thielemann to be a truthful person?
	19	Α.	Most of the time.
	20	Q	When you say most of the time, can you explain that,
	21		what you mean by most of the time?
	22	Α.	I can remember a time where Mr. Graham was training me
	23		to do my job, and we picked up Mr. Thielemann at his
looking	24		house. And we spent the entire day on the clock

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for paper and paint for Mr. Thielemann's new house.

be	2		pretending to throw cards at a house, that that would
day,	3		considered a contact. That continued for the whole
for	4		where we went around looking for wallpaper and paint
	5		Mr. Thielemann's house. So truthful, I would say that
	6		would not be truthful, because he was on the clock.
	7	Q	Any other incidents you can think of where
	8		Mr. Thielemann you believe was untruthful?
	9	Α.	Not at this time, I can't come up with a certain, any
	10		other certain things, no.
	11	Q	Yesterday you were asked about one occasion that
	12		Mr. Graham came to your house uninvited. Do you recall
	13		that?
	14	Α.	Yes.
	15	Q	And you said that he came in through your garage door.
	16		So I understand, you have to open up the big door that
	17		the car would be parked in to get to your garage door?
	18	Α.	The uninvited time he did not enter through the garage.
	19		That's when he came to pick me up on a trip. And
	20		when he came in that way, when he was picking me up for
	21		a trip, the door was always open. We always kept the
	22		garage door open first thing in the morning.
	23	Q	First thing in the morning you put the garage door up?
	24	Α.	Yes. We have a dog, yes, and we would open it up. I'm
out.	25		usually up at 4:30 and we open the door and let her

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1 Q Do you keep a car in the garage? 2 We keep two cars in the garage. Α. 3 0 And the door's located somewhere inside the garage? 4 Α. Right you come in and there's a set of steps right 5 inside the door. 6 Q. Had Mr. Graham ever been out to your house prior to 7 that? Not into my house, no. 8 Α. When he came out on this occasion, you said there was a 9 10 phone conversation, he said he was coming to pick you 11 up? 12 No. Which time are you talking about? There was a Α. time 13 he came to pick me up for a trip that he came in the 14 garage. Now, there's another time he came out to my house uninvited that he came to the back of the house. 15 16 I'm talking about the invited one. The invited one. 17 Α. You said you had a trip to York to pick up a juvenile, 18 0 Ι 19 think you estimated '95 or '96? 20 Α. Yes. 21 When he came out on this, I'm talking about on that 22 occasion. 23 Α. Okay. 24 Had you had a conversation on the phone with him before

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he came out?

	1	A.	No, we did not.
	2	Q	But you knew he was coming?
	3	Α.	Yes.
	4	Q	Did you tell him to come in through the garage door?
	5	Α.	I don't believe so.
of	6	Q	Where is your front door located? Is it on the front
	7		the house?
	8	Α.	Yes, but it's down a walkway and among bushes and it's
	9		not that convenient to get to.
	10	Q	Is it off of is there a walkway from the driveway
	11		that would lead you to the front door?
	12	Α.	Yes.
	13	Q	That occasion we're talking about, do you remember the
	14		name of the person, the client, if you will, that you
	15		were going to visit with Mr. Graham?
no	16	Α.	That we were going to pick up? I don't know. I have
it's	17		idea who it was. It wasn't one of my clients. And
	18		confidential to begin with, so I have
	19	Q	I'm sorry?
to	20	Α.	It would be confidential to release a juvenile's name
	21		begin with. So I mean, I'm not even if I would

remember I don't feel comfortable saying it, anyways.

23 Q But you're telling me you don't remember the name?

24 A. I don't remember because it was not one of my clients.

25 Q And you said there was another time where he came around

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- back of your house uninvited?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q Were there any other occasions at all that Mr. Graham
- 4 was ever at your house uninvited?
- 5 A. Not that I know of. He could have been at my house but
- 6 I didn't know of it.
- 7 Q Were there any times that he was at your house when you
- 8 had invited him to come there?
- 9 A. Only when we stopped for the trip, when he came to pick
- me up.
- 11 Q The one we spoke about already?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q Did you invite Mr. Graham to come to your house while
- 14 your husband was away on business?
- 15 A. No, I did not.
- 16 Q You said your husband traveled four to five times a
- 17 year?
- 18 A. That's correct.

- 19 Q And were these trips where he would fly somewhere?
- 20 A. Sometimes he would drive. Generally he would fly, yes.
- 21 Q And how would he get to the airport?
- 22 A. He would drive.
- 23 Q You wouldn't drive him to the airport and drop him off?
- 24 A. Generally, no, because a lot of his flights will leave
- 25 early, early in the morning. And we never knew exactly

- 1 what time he would get back, and sometimes he would
- 2 catch other flights to get back.
- 3 Q Were there occasions where you drove him to the airport
- and picked him up when he was back from his flight?
- 5 A. Once -- I can only think of perhaps one or two times
- 6 that I ever did that.
- 7 Q We talked yesterday about a trip that you and Mr.

Graham

- 8 just coincidentally ended up on the same bus going to
- 9 Atlantic City?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q Okay. Were you going for the day or were you staying
- 12 overnight?
- 13 A. No, I was going for the day.
- 14 Q And was your husband away that day that you were going
- on this Atlantic City trip?
- 16 A. No, he wasn't.

	17	Q	Had you purchased a ticket ahead of time?
time.	18	Α.	I purchased the ticket maybe a day or two ahead of
	19	Q	Did you tell anybody that you were going besides your
	20		family members?
	21	Α.	Probably everybody in the lunch room. As I explained
	22		yesterday, it was one I had just finished my
	23		undergrad degree. I was so happy with that
say	24		accomplishment that I was joking around, like people
Suy	25		after the Super Bowl, where are you going, I'm going to

	1		Disney World. I would say, I graduated, I'm going to
	2		the beach.
	3	Q	Do you remember, was it a workday that you went to
	4		Atlantic City?
	5	Α.	Yes, it was.
	6	Q	Do you remember what day of the week it was?
	7	Α.	I'm not sure. It was between Tuesday to Thursday
	8		because there was a special offer go. I think you got
tokens	9		the bus ticket plus I believe it was \$15 worth of
	10		to spend. There was a special running.
	11	Q	Do you remember where you purchased the ticket?
the,	12	Α.	I purchased it at a kiosk, one of the kiosks out at

- I believe it was called the MJ Mall at that time, in
 Carlisle.
- 15 Q Do you remember the name of the bus company?
- 16 A. It was Rohrer Bus.
- 17 Q I think you had said the year was 1994?
- 18 A. I don't believe -- yes, '94 is when I graduated. Yes.
- 19 Q And do you remember what month it was in 1994?
- 20 A. I just finished classes in June. I'd say it was either
- June or July. Probably, I'm guessing June. June or
- July.
- 23 Q You said that on the bus ride you and Mr. Graham
- coincidentally both ended up on the same bus, and then
- 25 two other people from work got on at a stop?

- 1 A. That's correct. When I got on, Mr. Graham had probably
- 2 gotten on, I believe the bus started out in Carlisle,
- 3 then went to the West Shore and then ended up in
- 4 Harrisburg. I believe, I'm assuming Mr. Graham got on
- 5 in Carlisle, because he was not waiting in line when I
- 6 was at the Bon-Ton store. It picked up at the Bon-Ton
- 7 parking lot in Camp Hill and then proceeded on to
- 8 Harrisburg East Mall.
- 9 Q Had you spoken to Mr. Graham before about the bus trip?
- 10 You talked about it in the lunch room. Did you talk to

	11		Mr. Graham specifically about going?
	12	Α.	No. But he could have easily heard it, though.
there	13	Q	When you were in the lunch room did you notice him
	14		when you talked about this trip?
	15	A.	I don't recall.
	16	Q	Had you planned to go to Atlantic City with Mr. Graham?
	17	Α.	I did not.
bus	18	Q	Just sheer coincidence that you both ended up on the
	19		together?
	20	Α.	He had told me that him and his wife go down quite a
	21		bit, so I do not know why he was on that bus. I don't
	22		have an answer.
	23	Q	You said during the trip you and he ended up sitting
	24		together at some point. Did you have social
	25		conversation on the way down?

as	1	Α.	I had a Walkman headset, so I had that on. So as far
	2		conversation, some, general. He had the newspaper, I
	3		was was reading the newspaper.
	4	Q	When you got off the bus in Atlantic City did you both
	5		get off at the same stop?
	6	A.	There was only two stops. Yes. There was one at the

7 very end of the boardwalk, I believe, and then the next 8 one was, like, in the main section where I wanted to go, 9 where the beach was, yes. And Mr. Graham got off at that stop and you got off at 10 11 that stop? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. Did the other two people get off at that stop? 14 They got off at the first stop. Α. 15 Q. Did you spend any time that day at Atlantic City with 16 Mr. Graham? 17 I did not. I got off. He went -- I know he stopped to Α. 18 make a phone call, I believe to call, I assume to call 19 his sister. He said that's where he was going. And I 20 proceeded, like, through the hotel and went out to the 21 beach. 22 Did you rent a room while you were there? I did not. 23 Α. Were you on the beach the whole day? 24 Q 25 Yes, I was. I stopped to get something to drink and go

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- 1 to the restroom, but yes, I was.
- 2 Q When did you head back?
- 3 A. I believe the -- I believe the bus picked us up around
- 4 5:00, I'm guessing, around 5:00 to return.

	5	Q	Did both you and Mr. Graham get on the bus at five
	6		o'clock that afternoon?
	7	Α.	He was on the bus. Yes, they were all waiting to get
	8		on.
	9	Q	How about the other two, was it Carol Snook and Wayne
	10		Shearer I think were the two people you mentioned?
	11	Α.	We picked them up as we were leaving. They were at the
	12		other stop.
	13	Q	They both got on for the five o'clock return trip?
	14	Α.	Yes.
	15	Q	Did you all sit together again?
	16	Α.	Yes. Pretty much once you get on, I think most of the
	17		senior citizens, I think you would be in trouble if you
seats.	18		took their seats. They have pretty well assigned
	19	Q.	Have you taken any other day trips to Atlantic City
like	13	Q	have you taken any other day trips to Atlantic City
	20		that?
	21	A.	No, I have not.
	22	Q	It was the one and only time?
	23	Α.	Yes.
	24	Q	Have you ever taken a trip to Atlantic City with your
	25		husband?

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1 A. We would to go Ocean City. My husband was supposed to

	2		go with me that day. In fact, he was supposed to go,
	3		and he chose not to go. My daughter was supposed to go
	4		and she couldn't make it, she was in school. And my
rides	5		husband didn't like the bus because his when he
11005	6		in a bus his knees are almost up to his nose. He's
	7		uncomfortable in buses.
your	8	Q	Had you already bought tickets for your husband and
	9		daughter ahead of time?
	10	Α.	No, I had not.
	11	Q	You just bought a ticket for yourself?
went	12	Α.	Yes, I did. My husband encouraged me to. I rarely
wenc	1.2		
	13		anyplace on my own and I said I'd like to go, and he
	14		said, well, just go and do it on your own. I said,
ahead	15		well, I wasn't real comfortable. He said, just go
	16		and do it. Just encouraged me to do some things on my
	17		own.
	18	Q	At what point was your husband going to go, then? You
	19		said your husband and daughter were going to go and it
	20		just ended up
	21	Α.	I asked them to go. My daughter couldn't go
	22		convenience-wise, she was doing something else. And my
	23		husband said, it's a long ride, I prefer not to go,
	24		because he's uncomfortable in the seats.
in	25	Q	You were asked yesterday about the times you had been

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	1		Silver Springs flea market?
	2	Α.	Yes.
	3	Q	You said there were occasions you did see Mr. Graham
	4		there at the flea market?
	5	Α.	Yes, there was.
	6	Q	Did you ever walk around the flea market with him?
	7	Α.	No. We would stop and have conversation, hi, how are
kind	8		you doing, what did you buy, what you know, that
	9		of thing, and just passing.
	10	Q	You wouldn't walk around the flea market with him?
	11	Α.	I don't no, I don't believe I ever did.
	12	Q	You had said that your granddaughter, sometimes you
	13		would pick up your granddaughter and take her to the
	14		flea market?
	15	A.	Well, my grandson. My daughter would go with me.
	16	Q	Sorry. Your grandson and your daughter?
meet	17	Α.	My daughter would go with me. My grandson, I would
	18		my son and his wife at the flea market and bring my
	19		grandson home with me.
	20	Q	How often would you have your grandson with you at the
	21		flea market?
	22	Α.	I would pick them up almost every Sunday. My son and
	23		daughter-in-law are really into antiqueing, do a lot of
	24		swapping and that kind of thing, so I would try to get

25 the baby every, not every Sunday but most Sundays, if it Barbara Varner 350 1 wasn't cold out. Other than that, I would usually pick 2 him up or keep him overnight on Saturdays. You said you had met your son at the flea market on 3 4 occasion? 5 Yes. Α. And you referred to that there was a stand that you met 6 7 him at? Well, I have an idea where they were going to be, what 8 Α. 9 their focus, because I know a couple stands they like to 10 stop at. Was there one particular stand that you would meet your 11 12 son? 13 Α. Yes. What stand was that? 14 15 Α. Well, the stand was in -- it's a, it was a jewelry 16 stand, and it would move around. They would have to go 17 in and reserve a spot, so they -- but generally it was in the center of the flea market. I don't know the 18 19 name. It's Bill and Mel are the owners, and I think it 20 was mostly jewelry and some maybe Civil War memorabilia and cards. I believe baseball cards as well.

	22	Q	You were asked yesterday about whether or not your son
	23		knew Gary Graham?
	24	Α.	Yes.
	25	Q	And you had mentioned that Gary was willing to help
your			
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	1		son in terms of getting a job at the Schaffner Center?
	2	Α.	He spoke to a person at the Schaffner Detention Center,
	3		I can't remember if it was the supervisor, just saying
	4		that my son was interested in a job. But when I went
my	5		over to the detention center the director already had
1	6		son's name. It was on a pile of people he was going to
	7		interview, anyway.
	8	Q	You said your son's application was at the top of the
	9	~	pile?
	10	Α.	It was on the pile, yes. He was able to put his hands
	11		on it right away.
	12	Q	Did your son have to take a test to get a job there?
	13	Α.	I don't know that. I'm not sure.
	14	Q	Do you know whether your son failed the test twice
	15		before getting the position?
	16	А.	I didn't know if there even was a test.
	17	Q	Do you know whether or not your son had ever gotten
	18		together with Mr. Graham and brewed beer together?

- 19 A. Not that I know of.
- 20 Q Your son never told you that?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q You were asked yesterday about a song by Phil Collins
- called "Groovy Kind of Love"?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q Are you familiar with the song?

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- 1 A. I've heard it before, yes.
- 2 Q Does that song have any significance at all to you?
- 3 A. No, it doesn't.
- 4 Q It wasn't a song that between you and Mr. Graham was
- 5 your song?
- 6 A. Absolutely not.
- 7 Q Did you ever write a note to Mr. Graham about that

song?

- 8 A. No, I did not.
- 9 $\,$ Q $\,$ Did you ever tell anybody that that was yours and
- Mr. Graham's song?
- 11 A. No.

husband

- 12 Q You stated that after separating from your first
- 13 you moved in with your current husband?
- 14 A. Not till October of '89.
- 15 Q Was there a period of time you lived somewhere else

- 16 besides the residence you shared with your first
- 17 husband?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q Did you at any time live with a Kay Wilcox, the Wilcox
- 20 family?
- 21 A. I don't know a Kay Wilcox.
- 22 Q Do you know a Wilcox family?
- 23 A. No, I don't.
- Q Did you ever live with Kerry Houser?
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 Q At no point ever lived with Kerry Houser?
- 2 A. Never.
- 3 Q Did you ever live with a Diane Rupp?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q Are you familiar with a location called Ft. Hunter?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q Have you ever been to Ft. Hunter?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q Were you ever at Ft. Hunter with Mr. Graham?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q Can you tell me the occasions you've been at Ft.

Hunter?

12 A. My husband and I have gone up there several times.

I've

- been up there with my family, my children. We take my
- daughter, my son, daughter-in-law, we took my grandson
- up there one time.
- 16 Q Are you familiar with a location near Ft. Hunter called
- 17 the Zembo Temple?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q Have you ever been to the Zembo Temple with Mr. Graham?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q Have you ever used the term mature adult relationship?
- 22 A. No, I have not, that I can recall.
- 23 Q You said that you can recall. Do you recall ever using
- 24 that term?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q Are you certain?
- 2 A. I'm sure, I mean, I might have heard it before but I've
- 3 never used it, that I can recall.
- 4 Q Do you have an understanding of what that term means?
- 5 A. I would assume it means two mature adults in a
- 6 relationship.
- 7 Q Did you ever have any type of relationship with an
- 8 Ashley Steffy?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q Do you know who Ashley Steffy is?

Yes, I do. 11 Α. Tell me who he is. 12 Q. 13 Α. He was the principal at Northern Middle School when I was working for the Intermediate Unit. 14 15 And can you tell me the nature of any relationship you 16 may have had with Mr. Steffy? 17 Α. He was a co-worker, a very nice co-worker. We got along 18 quite well. 19 Do you remember where the Giant is in New Cumberland? 20 Do I know? Α. 21 Do you know where that's located? 22 Yes. Yes, I do. Α. Did you ever meet Mr. Graham at the Giant in New 23 Cumberland? 24 25 No, I did not. Α.

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- 1 $\,$ Q $\,$ Can you tell me what -- did you ever drive a Volkswagon
- 2 Cabriolet?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q Was Mr. Graham ever in that vehicle with you?
- 5 A. Yes. We probably transported somebody in that vehicle
- at one time or another.
- 7 Q You talked yesterday about trips that you and Mr.

Graham

trips,	8		had taken to go on business. When you would take
crips,			
	9		which vehicle would you take? Which vehicles would you
	10		take?
	11	A.	We would use either the county vehicle or Mr. Graham's
	12		vehicle.
	13	Q	Can you describe Mr. Graham's vehicle for me?
	14	Α.	He's had several. A green 4x4. Well, whatever.
	15	Q	A pickup truck or an SUV?
	16	Α.	SUV.
	17	Q	How many times do you think you were in that vehicle?
	18	Α.	For the trips, there would probably be half the time in
	19		that vehicle and half the time in the county vehicle.
	20	Q	How many would be half the time, how many trips,
	21		approximately?
	22	Α.	I think I estimated in the one report around 20, 20-
some			
	23		trips. So maybe 10, and 10 in the county car.
	24	Q	Were there ever any trips you took with Mr. Graham that
	25		was not a business trip?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q Did you ever stop with Mr. Graham in his vehicle up in
- Roxbury near the Pennsylvania Turnpike?
- A. I'm not familiar with that area. I don't know where

	5		that is.
up	6	Q	The same question. Did you ever stop with Mr. Graham
	7		in Goldsboro near some railroad tracks?
	8	Α.	It would be no. I don't know where these places are,
	9		but no.
	10	Q	I think you were asked this yesterday but let me just
	11		make sure. Has Mr. Graham ever seen you naked?
	12	Α.	No, he has not.
	13	Q	Did you ever tell anybody that you had any type of scar
	14		on your lower back?
	15	Α.	Yes. And it's not my lower back, it's on the left-hand
	16		side upper hip area. And that came up when we were
	17		talking about doing invest not investigation, but
it	18		social history interviews. And I remember, I believe
	19		was Deb I'm not sure it was Debra Green, but we were
	20		talking about how you do the investigation, talking
take	21		about how the new at the booking centers they'll
	22		pictures of tattoos and scars. And I remember having a
	23		discussion, they were saying on our intake interview
	24		it says do you have any scars or tattoos. And I
	25		remember saying, I don't think I have any scars or

	1		tattoos, and they said everybody has a birth mark.
	2		And I said, I started to explain I know there
	3		was several people that I had been on a wheel not
	4		a wheelbarrow, an empty barrel when I was a young kid.
hit,	5		And my brother was rolling me back and forth, and I
	6		like, a little picket fence. And it was, just left a
	7		little scar on my upper left back around my waist area.
you	8	Q	Do you remember being asked yesterday whether or not
	9		had any scars on your lower back area?
	10	Α.	You said the end of my tailbone, and I do not.
	11	Q	Do you remember being asked the question yesterday?
	12	A.	Yes, I do.
	13	Q	Do you remember what your answer was?
	14	Α.	I said I had no scars on the bottom of my tailbone.
	15	Q	At any point did you ever kiss Mr. Graham?
	16	A.	I did not.
	17	Q	Did you ever meet Mr. Graham in the evenings after he
	18		had taught at DUI school?
	19	Α.	I did not.
	20	Q	Were you ever a member of the Carlisle YMCA?
	21	Α.	Yes.
	22	Q	When were you a member?
	23	A.	From 1989 till just recently.
	24	Q	Do you remember whether Mr. Graham was a member of the
	25		Carlisle YMCA?

	1	A.	I don't know that.
	2	Q	Had you ever seen him there?
	3	A.	No.
either	4	Q	Did you ever meet him there at the Carlisle YMCA,
ercher	5		in the newline let on in the building?
	J		in the parking lot or in the building?
	6	Α.	There were times he would drive past when I was coming
	7		out of my classes, on Saturday morning. Just, he was
	8		going shopping or whatever, and just stopped to say hi.
	9	Q	And what was the time period?
	10	Α.	My class was from I believe 8:30 to 10:00. And it
	11		almost became a pattern, that for some reason he
I	12		happened to be in the area. It got to the point where
	13		stopped going to those classes. It just felt
	14		uncomfortable for me for him to be going past. It was
	15		not a coincidence.
	16	Q	And what year or years was this?
	17	Α.	I don't remember. I know I was in Juvenile Probation
	18		but I don't know the time frame. It was before my
	19		grandson was born, so it would have been early '95.
	20	Q	How many times would you estimate that you met
	21		Mr. Graham there in the parking lot after your class on
	22		Saturday?
	23	Α.	I did not meet him. He was driving past as I was
	24		leaving. It was, like, just driving past and would
	25		yell, hi, how are you. And just several times, just to

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1		the point where I was uncomfortable him having that
2		acknowledge hindsight I would almost say he was
3		stalking, that he knew my pattern. And so I parked on
4		the other side of the building for a while, and then I
5		stopped going completely.
6	Q	How many times did this occur?
7	A.	I would say maybe three or four times.
8	Q	Did you tell anybody about it?
9	A.	No, I don't believe so.
10	Q	Did you tell your husband?
11	A.	Yes, I think I did mention it to him.
12	Q	What did you tell him?
13	A.	I told him I was uncomfortable, something, you know,
14		this guy is passing me whenever I'm there, he seems to
15		be obvious that maybe he knows the time and that kind
16		thing.
17	Q	Did your husband encourage you to tell anybody at work
18		about it?
19	A.	No.
20	Q	Did you think it might be a good idea to say something
21		to somebody at work?

A. It raised a red flag for me, and I thought I could

of

handle it just by not going or just moving the location

	24		of my vehicle.
	25	Q	Did you report it to any police agencies?
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	1	Α.	No, I didn't.
like	2	Q	Did you make a note in any type of diary or notepad
	3		you did in Varner 7?
	4	Α.	No, I didn't.
	5	Q	How long would you talk to Mr. Graham there in the
	6		parking lot?
the	7	Α.	He would just wave and say hi. He was going past on
	8		road and I was in the parking lot.
	9	Q	He didn't stop and talk to you?
	10	Α.	He just waved and said hi.
	11	Q	And you waved back?
	12	Α.	Right.
	13	Q	That was the extent of it?
	14	Α.	That was the extent of it.
	15	Q	He didn't stop and have a conversation with you?
	16	Α.	No, he did not.
	17	Q	Were you afraid of Mr. Graham?
	18	Α.	I knew how angry he could get and I had been warned
	19		about punishment. So I would say a healthy fear, just

	20		be cautious. Yes.
hia	21	Q	And at some later point you actually went to work in
his	0.0		
	22		department?
	23	Α.	Yes, I did. But it was Mr. Bolze's department and Joe
	24		Osenkarski was the chief.
	25	Q	I'm going to take you to the conference at Penn State
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	1		that we talked about Do you recall what hetel you
			that we talked about. Do you recall what hotel you
	2		stayed in?
	3	Α.	The Nittany Lion Inn.
	4	Q	And is that where other people from the county stayed,
	5		at the same conference?
	6	Α.	Yes. Yes, they did.
	7	Q	You had said that Mr. Graham had knocked on your door
thought	8		and had tried to get in your room at some point,
	9		it was Monday evening?
	10	Α.	I believe I'm not sure. I believe, I'm not sure if
I	10	21.	I believe I m not bute. I believe, I m not bute II
evening,	11		said Monday or Tuesday. I think it was Tuesday
3,	12		I believe.
	13	Q	Did you tell anybody about that?
	14	Α.	No.
	15	Q	Did that cause you some concern?
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	16	Α.	Absolutely.
	17	Q	You didn't tell anybody about it?
would	18	Α.	Again, there if you raise the issues, I know there
	19		be punishment. I know he would be angry.
	20	Q	The answer is you didn't tell anybody about it?
	21	Α.	I didn't tell anybody, no.
	22	Q	You had said that you liked to run in the morning?
	23	Α.	Yes.
	24	Q	And that, I don't know, did you say at five o'clock in
	25		the morning is when you usually
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	1	Α.	Around 6:00, daybreak.
	2	Q	Okay. And you said you think you may have called
for	3		somebody to tell them about you were going to go out
for	4		2 min 2
	4		a run?
	5	Α.	I said if I would have called, it would have been for
	6		that purpose.
	7	Q	Were you in the habit of calling people and telling
	8		them, I'm going out for a run, if I'm not back, that's
	9		where I'll be?
wouldn't,	10	Α.	I know it's a good idea to do it. Sometimes I
	11		and I know it's not a good habit. But I don't remember

doing it, but if -- I don't remember calling anybody,

	13		no, I don't.
people	14	Q	When you go to conferences did you typically call
	15		in the morning at 5:00 or 6:00 to tell them you were
	16		going out for a run?
	17	Α.	Usually I was in the conferences I went to, I only
	18		went to several conferences away from this area and I
	19		think I only ran at maybe two of those because of the
	20		location. Most of them were on the outskirts of not
	21		outskirts, but were not as convenient as the one at the
believe	22		Nittany Lion Inn. They were at another place, I
	23		it was Comfort Inn.
	24	Q	Did you call anybody?
	25	Α.	No. No.

or	1	Q	Was there ever a time when you called anybody at 5:00
	2		6:00 in the morning while you were at a conference to
	3		tell them you were going to go out running?
	4	A.	Not that I can recall at this time, no. No.
	5	Q	So no, you didn't call? Or no, you're not sure?
	6	A.	I don't recall doing that.
	7	Q	During that conference did you ever call Mr. Graham's
	8		room at 5:00 in the morning?

	9	Α.	No, I did not.
	10	Q	Were you sharing a room with anybody at that
conference?			
	11	Α.	No.
	12	Q	Do you know if Mr. Graham was sharing a room with
	13		anybody?
	14	Α.	I don't know. No, I don't remember.
	15	Q	Do you know if he was sharing a room with Hank
	16		Thielemann?
	17	Α.	I don't know.
	18	Q	Are you aware that Mr. Graham's father had a store?
	19	Α.	I heard he did, yes.
	20	Q	Had you ever been to that store?
	21	Α.	I stopped in one time, I believe. I had a client that
	22		lived across the street and I believe I stopped in one
	23		time.
	24	Q	Do you remember who the client was?
0	25	Α.	Her first name was Wanda. She had three children,
Sammy			
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	1		and Wanda, I can remember Wanda. She had three
	2		children. One had cerebral palsy and there was two
inaticala	3		older children. They lived above the district

 $\mbox{\bf Q}$ $\mbox{\bf Why did you stop by Mr. Graham's father's store?}$

4 office or in that area.

justice's

- 6 A. I wanted to get a soft drink.
- 7 MR. THOMAS: I'm sorry?
- 8 THE WITNESS: To get a soft drink.
- 9 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 10 Q Was Mr. Graham there when you stopped?
- 11 A. No, he wasn't.
- 12 Q Were you ever at Mr. Graham's, the father, store while
- Mr. Graham, the son, was there?
- 14 A. No. I was only in the store one time.
- 15 Q You were asked some questions yesterday about your
- husband's brother who had some DUI problems.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q What's his first name?
- 19 A. Glenn.
- 20 Q Was Mr. Graham involved at all with that matter, that
- 21 you know of?
- 22 A. He could have been. I'm not -- I was not involved in
- 23 the DUI school at that time. I know my brother-in-law
- 24 was in at least two different DUI classes, and I don't
- know which one he would have been in. Mr. Graham

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- one -- I don't know if he taught one but he was one of
- 2 the instructors in the area.

- 3 Q So the answer is you don't know whether Mr. Graham had
- any involvement with your brother-in-law's --
- 5 A. I don't know that. I do not know.
- 6 Q You were asked yesterday about, I guess it was your
- 7 first involvement with Mr. Graham. You talked about it
- 8 was a severe neglect case, that Mr. Graham had assisted
- 9 you and was helpful. Do you remember that?
- 10 A. Yes. Yes.
- 11 Q Do you know the name of the case, the client that you
- were working with?
- 13 A. Dennis and Norma.
- 14 Q You don't remember the last name?
- 15 A. It's confidential. Juvenile records.
- MR. MacMAIN: Do we have any kind of
- 17 confidentiality agreement with some of the records in
- 18 this case?
- MS. WALLET: Not that I'm aware of.
- THE WITNESS: Joe would be able to tell us.
- 21 MR. ADAMS: Can we go off the record a second?
- 22 (Discussion held off the record.)
- 23 MS. WALLET: Before you ask another question, my
- 24 client is perfectly willing to reveal the last name, so
- 25 long as someone in the supervisory chain of command

1	gives her permission to violate what she understands to
2	be confidentiality.
3	MR. MacMAIN: I guess we could agree to seal this
4	portion of the record if it's an issue. Or
5	alternatively, if there's a juvenile you were assigned
6	to, an adult that Mr. Graham was assigned to, would the
7	adult name be confidential?
8	MR. GRAHAM: No.
9	THE WITNESS: Joe's okay with that?
10	MR. ADAMS: I don't want my client to acquiesce to
11	anything that might get him into any problem area just
12	because of this proceeding.
13	I actually agree with the idea maybe of sealing it
14	somehow, you know, and let the judiciary make that
15	decision so I can protect him.
16	MR. THOMAS: Have we established whether the
17	individual we're talking about is an adult or a
18	juvenile?
19	MR. ADAMS: They're adults now. He said basically
20	they're probably defaults now because this is a little
21	bit of time ago.
22	MR. THOMAS: Were they juveniles at the time?
23	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
24	MR. GRAHAM: No. One was an adult and one was a
25	juvenile.

- 1 MR. MacMAIN: Let's agree to seal that portion of
- 2 the record when we use names of anyone who would be a
- 3 client either of Juvenile or Adult.
- 4 MS. WALLET: I'm not going to allow my client to
- 5 give that name unless someone in her supervisory chain
- 6 says she is permitted to do so and there will be no
- 7 disciplinary action as a result of it. If someone's
- 8 willing to do that, we'll be more than happy to provide
- 9 it.
- 10 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 11 Q Let's do it this way. Who was the adult? Dennis or
- 12 Norma?
- 13 A. Again, it's a family name and that gives us the
- 14 children's name.
- 15 Q Was Dennis the adult or the juvenile?
- 16 A. Dennis is the adult.
- 17 Q And Norma would be the juvenile?
- 18 A. It's his wife.
- 19 Q Was there a juvenile involved?
- 20 A. Three children.
- 21 Q Can you tell me their first names?
- 22 A. Amanda, Dennis. Oh, my. I cannot think of the other
- 23 boy's name. It's another little boy. Dennis, Amanda.
- I can't think of the other -- there's another boy.
- 25 Q During the management of that case that you and

to	1		Mr. Graham would share, was there more than one visit
	2		the home?
	3	Α.	There was probably several visits to the home.
	4	Q	During one of the visits did Mr. Graham make a slat for
	5		a crib?
	6	Α.	Yes.
do?	7	Q	Did you comment to him that that was a nice thing to
of	8	Α.	What was happening is the little boy kept falling out
	9		the crib, and the parents would not do anything about
	10		it. And he made a, like, a step up for the little boy.
	11		The family, the mother's almost severely mentally
	12		retarded and the father was very limited. So I think
	13		the concept of being able to build this was totally
child.	14		abstract to them. So it was very helpful for the
thing	15	Q	Did you comment to Mr. Graham that that was a nice
	16		to do?
	17	Α.	Yes, I did.
	18	Q	You said when you started with the Department that
	19		Mr. Graham was your trainer?
	20	Α.	He was appointed as a person to train me, yes.
	21	Q	Was anyone else appointed to train you?
	22	Α.	No.

Mr. Graham was your only trainer, then, during that 23 Q 24 period of time? 25 Α. Yes. Barbara Varner 369 1 Q. Now, would you describe Mr. Graham as being loud 2 normally? 3 Not -- not on a normal, like, not a loud-loud. Just Α. voice carries, but it's not loud, no. 4 You said his voice carries? 5 Q. 6 Α. Um-hum. 7 0 He has a loud voice; would that be fair? 8 Yes, fine. Α. Well, I don't want you to agree with me just to agree 9 Q with me. 10 But there are some loud voices and there are some loud 11 Α. voices. I would say maybe you could understand what he 12 was saying but he was not boisterous. 13 14 Q. But he talks loudly, correct? 15 I would say it's an average voice. Α. He has an average voice for --16 Q Level. Level voice. 17 Α. But you don't think he's loud, his voice carries? 18 Q. 19 He certainly gets loud, but not normally, no.

You had commented yesterday Mr. Graham was a poor

his

- 21 trainer?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q And that he threw, I think you said he threw cards at a
- 24 house and said that that was considered a visit?
- 25 A. Um-hum.

- 1 Q Yes?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q Okay. Can you tell me when that happened? Did it
- 4 happen on more than one occasion?
- 5 A. Yes, it did.
- 6 Q Can you tell me how many times you observed that?
- 7 A. Oh, I'd say at least 10 times.
- 8 Q You had mentioned one of the times Mr. Thielemann was
- 9 with you?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q During these other occasions, who else was with you, if
- 12 anyone?
- 13 A. This was just Mr. Graham and myself.
- 14 Q Can you tell me where this happened?
- 15 A. New Cumberland area several times. Mechanicsburg area.
- 16 Carlisle area. In those areas.
- 17 Q That's three?
- 18 A. But it could have happened several different locations

19 in this area. That was the area that -- we cover 20 Cumberland County, so it was a big area. I'm just looking for specifics. 21 Okay. 22 Α. 23 Can you tell me the name of any of the clients by first 24 name, either on any of those --25 Α. They were not my clients so I'm probably not real Barbara Varner 371 familiar with the names. None of them were mine so I 1 2 don't know the names. Were they cases you were working on as a trainee under 0 4 Mr. Graham? No. They were his cases. 5 Α. Did you ride together then on his cases? 6 Q 7 Yes. He was training me. Α. Were they, these trips that you or these visits that 8 you 9 and Mr. Graham were in the same vehicle, were these in 10 addition to the 20 --11 Yes. Α. 12 -- visits that you had made when you were in different departments? 13 14 Α. Yes. Those are transporting casings, where you

transport juveniles. This was just general

supervision.

	16	Q	Is the 20 that you told me that you estimated before,
	17		they were transports to
	18	Α.	Right.
	19	Q	And these additional times, how many times do you think
	20		you were in the car with Mr. Graham?
	21	Α.	Maybe two or three times a month.
	22	Q	For how long of a period?
	23	Α.	Several hours.
	24		MS. WALLET: I'm sorry, are we talking about the
	25		time frame when he was the trainer for Mrs. Varner?
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	1		MR. MacMAIN: Right.
	2		MS. WALLET: Limited to that period?
	3		MR. MacMAIN: Right. Which are in addition to the
	4		20 transport trips that we discussed already.
	5		MS. WALLET: I understand.
	6	BY M	R. MacMAIN:
	7	Q	How long of a period? You said two to three times a
	8		month for several hours you were in the car together?
	9	Α.	Maybe two, three hours, yes. To go out to the house
nd			
	10		come back. Several houses at a time.
	11	Q	And how long of a period did these trips take place?
	12		What I mean by that was it six months this hannened

- over, two months, a year?
- 14 A. From '95 when I started till probably middle of '96.
- 15 Q We went through yesterday afternoon in your Complaint
- 16 the specific examples that you would give in which you
- 17 think Mr. Graham acted inappropriately.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q And the examples that we went through in the Complaint,
- they all occurred, were they separate and apart from
- these '95 to '96 visits in the car?
- 22 A. Some of them occurred during that time.
- 23 Q During the other periods of time you were in the car
- 24 with Mr. Graham in '95 to '96 were there any other
- occasions other than the ones you told us about

- 1 yesterday in which he acted inappropriately?
- 2 A. Not that I can recall at this time
- 3 Q Yesterday you talked about one particular trip that you
- 4 had taken with Deb Green, and that Mr. Graham had been
- 5 upset with you about an expense report?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q Was it a expense report that you had filled out and
- 8 handed in?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. MacMAIN: Let's mark this as 14.

	11		(Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 14 was marked.)
	12	BY M	R. MacMAIN:
	13	Q	Do you recognize this document?
	14	Α.	Yes, I do.
	15	Q	Is this the expense report you had turned in for the
	16		trip you were talking about?
composite	17	Α.	This is not an expense report. This is just a
done	18		of that I gave to Mr. Graham to explain what we had
	19		on the trip after he had questioned us.
	20		The expense sheet would be an official county
	21		expense sheet that I would have turned in, or time
	22		sheet.
	23	Q	Okay. This is your handwriting?
	24	Α.	Yes, it is.
	25	Q	Four lines from the bottom 2:30 to 5:30 travel,

	1		parenthesis, longer due to fog, slash, accident.
	2	Α.	That's correct.
	3	Q	Was that the reason why the trip took longer?
	4	Α.	Yes, it is.
there	5	Q	Do you recall testifying yesterday that the reason
	6		was a problem was the road was icy?
	7	A.	It was that's what caused the accident. It was

was	8		foggy, it was like a fog that hung on the car and it
and	9		turning icy on the windshield. It was foggy and icy
	10		there was an accident.
	11	Q	Whose car was icy and foggy?
	12	Α.	It was a county car.
	13	Q	You had the accident?
	14	Α.	No. No, no. There was an accident. That's why we had
been	15		to detour off of main expressway, because there had
	16		an accident.
	17	Q	And your car was foggy, the county car was foggy?
	18	Α.	Icy, foggy, yes. I had already explained this to him
	19		verbally, and then I put it in writing.
	20	Q	On the second page it says: Stopped five minutes to
	21		pick up dinner.
	22	Α.	Right.
	23	Q	Okay? Does that indicate that on the way home, then,
	24		you and Deb Green picked up dinner and took it home?
	25	Α.	I picked up my own dinner and took it home, yes.

- 1 Q You didn't stop and have dinner then with Deb Green?
- 2 A. No, I did not.

4 home from trips you and Mr. Graham would stop and eat 5 dinner at the end of the day? That's correct. 6 Α. 7 0 On this occasion you didn't have dinner with Ms. Green, 8 you just picked it up and took it home? 9 Α. That's correct. 10 On any of the trips with Mr. Graham did you ever just 11 pick up dinner and take it home with you? Or did you 12 always sit down and eat? No, there were times I would pick up and take home. 13 Α. Is there a reason why you didn't have dinner with 14 15 Ms. Green? I think because of the weather at that time. This 16 Α. happened, like I said, we were up there, it was icy and 17 18 foggy to begin with, we both wanted to get home. 19 You said Mr. Graham had taken away one hour of 0 overtime? 20 Α. From both of us, yes. You talked yesterday about an incident in which 21 22 Mr. Graham questioned you about a report, about not 23 having it filled out properly. Do you recall that? 24 Α. Yes. 25 (Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 15 was marked.)

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	2	four pages?
	3	MR. MacMAIN: Right, a four-page document and we
	4	marked this as Varner 15.
	5 BY MR	. MacMAIN:
	6 Q	Do you recognize this document?
	7 A.	Yes. But I take exception. You have the juvenile's
	8	name, address, birthdate, all information about a
	9	juvenile to be confidential, and there's in fact five
-	10	different juveniles mentioned here. Is Mr. Osenkarski
confidential	11	with us? This is information being shared,
	12	information.
	13	MR. THOMAS: I think for the purpose of these
	14	depositions we probably should agree that the record
	15	will be sealed and the deposition transcripts will not
	16	be disseminated to anybody except parties interested in
	17	this case directly, and that each of those individuals
	18	shall be instructed that this information is
	19	confidential and that confidentiality should be
	20	maintained.
	21	THE WITNESS: Okay.
,	22	MS. WALLET: Are we talking about the whole
	23	transcript being sealed?
2	24	MR. THOMAS: I am.
2	25	MS. WALLET: I won't agree to that.

	1	MR. THOMAS: Well, all right. Then any portion
+h -+ -	2	where a juvenile's name appears, will you agree to
that?		
	3	MR. ADAMS: Only last name, I think. The first
	4	names are fine.
	5	MR. THOMAS: Sure.
	6	MR. ADAMS: Just where a last name appears
	7	somewhere in the record of a juvenile.
	8	MR. THOMAS: Right.
	9	MR. MacMAIN: I'm agreeing to that. Is that
	10	agreeable to plaintiff? That's agreeable for
	11	Mr. Thomas, it's agreeable
	12	MS. WALLET: My proposal is whoever introduces a
	13	document has responsibility for obliterating the last
	14	name and that no part of the last name be included as
. 1	15	part of the transcript of this deposition. Doesn't
that		
	16	solve the problem?
Varner	17	MR. MacMAIN: Okay. So what we've marked as
Valuel	1.0	15 hefens it le submitted with the bosonist well!
	18	15, before it's submitted with the transcript we'll
here.	19	redact the last name of any juvenile referenced on
	20	MR. THOMAS: That way the transcript itself does
	21	not have to be a sealed document or otherwise have
	22	confidentiality maintained with respect to it, and I
	23	think that will solve the problem.
	24	BY MR. MacMAIN:
	25	Q Do you recognize that document?

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1 Α. I recognize the name. 2 If you turn to the third page, it should actually say page 2 at the top. Right. 4 Α. 5 It has a reference in the last paragraph about contact 6 made with 20 listed victims, and then there's some text. 7 Does that refresh your recollection as to whether this 8 was the document that you spoke about yesterday that 9 Mr. Graham was upset with you over? No, this is not the document. This is only part of the 10 Α. social history. This is a working social history. As 11 12 we got in information, we would add it into this. But that is not the list. 13 There was an entirely separate list of all the 14 15 people that I had contact and the type of contact I had made with them, and whether they had responded. 16 17 This is just a general information about the case. 18 You don't think this is a complete copy of the report? No, it's not. This is the working -- this is a working 19 form. Because all -- I'm sorry, go ahead. 20 21 When you saying a working form, you're telling me this

is a draft?

On the front, that front page would be a working draft,

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page,

Α.

24 because we had not gotten any of the -- had not gone to 25 court yet. The date of, you know, a lot of the Barbara Varner 379 1 information has not even been provided yet. 2 What about the pages, the second, third and fourth Q 3 are they drafts as well? 4 Yes, they would be working drafts. There's no fourth Α. page. Second and third. 5 6 There's four pages total? 7 Yes. Well, the front is your face sheet. The other 8 ones are working, working sheets. As the information was gathered, then you could add into it. 9 So all four pages are drafts is what you're telling me? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 Did you ever complete this report, put it in final? Yes, I did. 13 Α. 14 Would that be maintained in the original case file? Yes, it should be. 15 Α. Was this document turned in to Mr. Graham? 16 MS. WALLET: I'm sorry, I missed the question. 17 BY MR. MacMAIN: 18 19 Was this document turned in to Mr. Graham? 20 MS. WALLET: This meaning Deposition Exhibit 15?

MR. MacMAIN: Right.

	22	MS. WALLET: Or the one you just mentioned, the
	23	final one?
	24	MR. MacMAIN: I'm sorry.
	25	BY MR. MacMAIN:
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	1	Q The document that's in front of us, was this turned in
	2	to Mr. Graham?
	3	A. The front sheet would not have been turned in like
that,	3	A. The front sheet would not have been turned in like
	4	but the next three pages, plus the list of the victims.
	5	It's not complete. It's not complete.
	6	Q Who would have prepared this report? Would that have
	7	been you?
	8	A. It would have been me, yes.
	9	Q If you turn to the fourth page, bottom left-hand corner
	10	are some initials?
	11	A. Yes.
	12	MS. WALLET: That being the page marked number 3,
	13	though?
	14	MR. MacMAIN: Right. The fourth page of the
	15	document.
	16	THE WITNESS: Right.
	17	BY MR. MacMAIN:

	18	Q	VEV, that would be you?
	19	Α.	Yes.
	20	Q	Who was JAC?
	21	Α.	Jen Crum. She was a secretary.
	22	Q	Who typed up the actual document?
	23	Α.	She would have been typing it. Then she kept it in he
came	24		registry and we would add things as the information
	25		in.
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	1	Q	So Jen would have typed this up for you?
	2	Α.	Yes.
would	3	Q	Would you have given her a dictation tape? Or how
	4		this information have
And	5	Α.	It's a dictation, and then she would transcribe it.
	6		then as we got new information or changed it, she could
	7		modify it.
	8	Q	Was a copy of this draft kept in the original file?
	9	Α.	Probably not.
	10	Q	Was it discarded when it was completed? Why would this
	11		draft not have been kept?
	12	Α.	We always shred this kind of thing. Once the original

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is compiled, we usually make a copy of it, the whole

thing, for our case books. But these are always

	15		shredded. The information with the children's names is
	16		always shredded.
	17	Q	Where would it be shredded?
	18	Α.	At the office.
	19	Q	You have a shredding machine at the office?
	20	Α.	Yes, we do. Yes, we do.
	21	Q	And you would have had one in '97?
sure	22	Α.	I don't know. I know we disposed of them. I'm not
	23		what happened to them but I think we might have had a
	24		shredding machine, I don't recall.
	25	Q	If there wasn't a shredding machine, how could it have
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	1		been shredded?
	2	Α.	Well, I'm saying they the whole idea is whenever you
that	3		have these things you've got to get rid of the fact
	4		it's the juvenile. You've got to get rid of it so
	5		people can't go through the trash and find out
	6		information like this.
	7		I don't know whether they took it down to central,
	8		you know, shredding machine, or what. I know we have

one in our office now and they had one at Children and

Youth, but I just don't remember this time frame

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whether

	11		we actually had one there or not. But I know it was
cans.	12		taken care of so these were not found in the trash
Calls.			
	13	Q	Is this the document that you were referring to before
	14		that Mr. Graham wadded up and threw at you?
	15	Α.	This one?
	16	Q	Yes.
	17	Α.	No, it is not.
	18	Q	Was it a document similar to this?
	19	Α.	It was part of this. It was a list of victims and the
	20		contacts I had had with them.
	21	Q	You said that he actually wadded up this piece of paper
	22		and threw it in your face?
	23	Α.	Yes, he did.
	24	Q	And you're sure he threw it in your face?
	25	Α.	Yes, I am.

- 1 Q Do you still have Varner 7 in front of you? Varner 7
- was the running diary that you had kept.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q Turn to the page that's marked 5 at the top.
- 5 A. (Witness complied.)
- 6 Q Are you with me?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MS. WALLET: I'm not.

- 9 (Discussion held off the record.)
- 10 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 11 Q Looking at paragraph, about a third of the way down it
- says discussed cases, some direction?
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q I can't read your handwriting. Another list has to?
- 15 A. Be in separate, has to be in separately. I already had
- one list and he was asking for another list.
- 17 Q And then reading on further: Crumpled victim list,
- threw it on the desk. You see that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q Did he throw it in your face or did he throw it on the
- 21 desk?
- 22 A. I was sitting at the desk and he threw it at me and it
- landed on the desk. But he threw it at me.
- 24 Q Did it hit you in the face first?
- 25 A. No, it didn't hit me, but he threw it at me.

- 1 Q Did you testify yesterday that he hit you in the face
- with the paper?
- 3 A. He threw it at my face.
- 4 Q Did you write that in your statement at the time, that
- 5 he threw it at your face? Or did you put on there he
- 6 threw it on the desk?

	7	Α.	It says here: Threw it on the desk. It was at the
	8		direction of my face. I was sitting at the desk and he
	9		was standing.
when	10	Q	But you would agree with me it says nothing in here
	11		you took your notes that he threw it at your face?
	12	A.	I was sitting at my desk, he was standing above me and
	13		he threw it at me. It came right at me. And he didn't
	14		throw it down, he threw it towards my face direction.
	15	Q	But you would agree on your notes that you took at the
	16		time this occurred you mentioned nothing about being
	17		thrown at your face?
	18	Α.	It says threw it on the desk. It doesn't say where it
	19		went before it hit my desk. He didn't throw it down at
	20		my desk, he threw it at me.
	21	Q	You had said yesterday that someone in the office
	22		commented to you about you think that Gary was getting
	23		his Barbs mixed up. Do you remember stating that?
	24	Α.	Yes.
	25	Q	Who said that?

- 1 A. Mr. Christlieb. Darby Christlieb.
- 2 Q Did anybody else say that to you?
- 3 A. Not that I can recall.

- 4 Q You were asked yesterday about an incident in which you
- 5 claim Mr. Graham made a comment about a peter meter.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q And you also said that someone had, the female at issue
- 8 had a medical diagnosis, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q Was there a doc's note or anything, medical proof of
- 11 that?
- 12 A. Yes. Within her file she had seen a psychologist and
- 13 also medical doctor, and I believe there was -- I know
- 14 there's a report from the doctor and I'm not sure if I
- 15 had a -- I don't believe I actually got anything from
- 16 the therapist. But the doctor had diagnosed her and I
- 17 did have reports on that.
- 18 Q Did you provide reports as part of the case file?
- 19 A. Yes. I requested medical records.
- 20 Q The comment that Mr. Graham had made, did you actually
- 21 hear it or did somebody tell you he said that?
- 22 A. No, he said it directly to me.
- 23 Q Do you recall Mr. Graham speaking in his office with
- someone else about this issue?
- 25 A. No.

	2	A.	He said it directly to me. Mr. Thielemann was in his
	3		office but he said it directly to me.
had	4	Q	You were asked about a birthday card that Mr. Graham
	5		given you, and I think you said it was January of '96?
	6	Α.	Yes.
	7	Q	How do you know? How can you date it? How do you know
	8		the year?
	9	A.	That was my well, I remember that's the year it
	10		happened.
	11	Q	How is it that '96, is there some something that
	12		triggers that year in your mind?
	13	A.	I was not working in Juvenile Probation in January of
	14		'95. It had to be '96, because in '97 there was a lot
	15		of problems. That's when all these things were
	16		happening. So that's the only year that's left.
	17	Q	So you're certain it was January of '96?
	18	A.	Yes, I am.
anything	19	Q	Okay. When you received that card, did you say
	20		to Mr. Graham?
	21	Α.	I did not.
it?	22	Q	And you didn't tell anybody else in the office about
briefcase,	23	Α.	Like I said yesterday, he put it inside of my
I'm	24		I took it home. As I redd out my briefcase several,
	25		not even sure it was weeks, not even weeks, days ago,

1		after that, I just filed it away with a lot of other
2		miscellaneous papers to clean out my briefcase.
3	Q	You said you had gone on 20, approximately 20 trips
4		Mr. Graham prior to coming into the Department?
5	Α.	Prior to coming?
6	Q	Prior to coming into the Department you had, I forget
7		the term you used, called these trips, visits?
8	A.	I was part of Juvenile Probation when those trips
9		happened.
10	Q	Did you take any of these trips with him and you
11		talked about Debra Green anyone else that you took
12		these type of trips with?
13	Α.	Yes. I went with Hank Thielemann, Nick Barolet. I
14		supervising no, that's not when I was in Probation.
15		Kerry Houser. I cannot think of any other at this
16	Q	Any of those people that you mentioned, can you
17		how many trips you took with each?
18	Α.	Debra Green, maybe two or three. Kerry, one that I
19		recall. Hank, one that I recall. And Nick, I believe
20		two.
21	Q	You talked about yesterday about an incident in which
22		you were in the car with Mr. Graham and he told you
23		about his wife's problems and you had suggested that
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	2 3 Q 4 5 A. 6 Q 7 8 A. 9 10 Q 11 12 13 A. 14 15 16 Q 17 18 A. 19 20 21 Q 22

- they ought to see a counselor?
- 25 A. Right.

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- 1 Q Did you give names of counselors?
- 2 A. Yes, I did make suggestions of places they could go for
- 3 counseling.

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- 4 Q How were you aware of these places?
- 5 A. Because I was always considered the resource person in
- 6 Children and Youth and in Probation, hooking families

7 with counseling services. That was part of my job.

- 8 Q Had you seen any of these marital counselors yourself?
- 9 A. No, I had not.
- 10 Q Have you ever seen a marriage counselor?
- 11 A. No, I have not.
- 12 Q You said Mr. Graham was driving 90 miles an hour?
- 13 A. About 95 miles an hour.
- 14 Q How long was he driving at that speed?
- 15 A. It seemed like an eternity. I'd say at least five
- 16 minutes, through construction.
- 17 Q This was on I-81?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 $\,$ Q $\,$ And was the entire five minutes through a construction
- zone, or only a portion?
- 21 A. Most of it's through construction.

22 Q How do you know? Did you actually look at his

	23		speedometer?
	24	Α.	Yes, I did.
	25	Q	And did Mr. Graham get a ticket, pulled over?
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	1	Α.	No, he did not.
	2	Q	During any of the other times that you drove with
	3		Mr. Graham, had he ever driven at that rate of speed
	4		before?
	5	Α.	Not quite that high, but he would go very he would
	6		travel maybe 80 miles an hour. And a lot of concerns
he	7		you had, Gary was on the phone, a lot of his while
110	8		was driving a lot of times. And another concern, he
had			
	9		a juvenile usually in the back with us.
	10	Q	On a cell phone?
	11	Α.	Um-hum.
	12	Q	Did you report this to anybody?
	13	Α.	Mr. Drachbar, another officer in our department, was
	14		well aware of that, because he said he drives way too
	15		fast. But who was I going to say anything to?
	16		Mr. Osenkarski, I think he had already let me know that
	17		Mr. Graham was in charge.
	18	Q	My question was: Did you report this to anybody?

- 19 A. No, I didn't.
- 20 Q Did Mr. Graham ever get a ticket while you were driving
- 21 with him?
- 22 A. No, he didn't.
- 23 Q Did he ever get pulled over?
- 24 A. Not that I recall.
- 25 Q I assume the vehicle you were driving in didn't look

- 1 like a police car?
- 2 A. Yes. Our county car does look like a police car.
- 3 Q What kind of car was it?
- 4 A. I believe they're Ford Fairlanes. The larger Fords.
- 5 Q How about when he was driving in his Jeep, his Jeep
- 6 doesn't look like a police car, does it?
- 7 A. No. No.
- 8 Q We talked I think both yesterday and today about

charges

- 9 that you had filed against Mrs. Graham, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.

the

- 11 $\,$ Q $\,$ You also attempted or at least spoke to someone from
- 12 District Attorney's Office about charges against
- 13 Mr. Graham as well?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q Is Varner 11, which was the list --

	16	Α.	Yes.
	17	Q	This is a list that Debra Green drafted up?
	18	Α.	Yes, it is.
	19	Q	Does Debra Green have a law degree?
	20	Α.	No. But we do, every time we get a referral it's
	21		regarding charges, so we're well aware of what the
	22		elements that are needed to meet the requirements for
	23		these charges.
	24	Q	In your job do you charge, criminally charge people?
	25	Α.	No. We process the charges. We do the petitions. We
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	1		take the charge and put it on the petition in the
	1		take the charge and put it on the petition in the
	2	0	language of the crime book.
	2	Q	language of the crime book. Did you assist Ms. Green with preparing this list?
	2 3 4	Α.	language of the crime book. Did you assist Ms. Green with preparing this list? No, I did not.
	2 3 4 5	A. Q	<pre>language of the crime book. Did you assist Ms. Green with preparing this list? No, I did not. Did you ask her to prepare this list for you?</pre>
	2 3 4 5	A. Q A.	<pre>language of the crime book. Did you assist Ms. Green with preparing this list? No, I did not. Did you ask her to prepare this list for you? No, I did not.</pre>
	2 3 4 5 6 7	A. Q	<pre>language of the crime book. Did you assist Ms. Green with preparing this list? No, I did not. Did you ask her to prepare this list for you? No, I did not. And did you take this list to anybody from the District</pre>
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	A. Q A. Q	<pre>language of the crime book. Did you assist Ms. Green with preparing this list? No, I did not. Did you ask her to prepare this list for you? No, I did not. And did you take this list to anybody from the District Attorney's Office?</pre>
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exact	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	A. Q A. Q	language of the crime book. Did you assist Ms. Green with preparing this list? No, I did not. Did you ask her to prepare this list for you? No, I did not. And did you take this list to anybody from the District Attorney's Office? No. But I know we shared this, we shared not this list but her concerns with the controller's office when

did	13	Q	Who specifically from the District Attorney's Office
	14		you speak with?
	15	Α.	I left a message for Skip Ebert, the District Attorney
	16	Q	Did Mr. Ebert call you back?
	17	Α.	No, he did not.
	18	Q	Did you call his office or stop by to follow up?
	19	Α.	No, I didn't.
	20	Q	Did you speak to anybody else from the District
	21		Attorney's Office?
	22	A.	Not about these specific charges, no.
	23	Q	About anything?
	24	A.	The CID, yes. They're part of the District Attorney's
	25		Office.

1	Q	Who	did	you	speak	with	in	CID?

- 2 A. I've spoken to two of the directors. Mike Brennan was
- 3 the last director, and now it is Les Freeling, and I
- 4 spoke with both of them.
- 5 Q Were you aware that you could file criminal charges
- 6 privately?
- 7 A. Yes, I was.
- 8 Q And you did not file criminal charges privately against
- 9 Mr. Graham?
- 10 A. This is a procedure, the direction -- I was hoping the

	11		county would be able to stop it so I didn't have to go
	12		that direction. I had asked assistance from the county
	13		to help stop this.
you?	14	Q	And no one, the charges were, in fact, not filed by
	15	Α.	No. I was hoping it could be stopped internally.
you	16	Q	And you didn't file charges on your own, even though
	17		knew you could?
	18	Α.	Yes, that's correct.
	19	Q	Have you ever applied for or sought a Protection From
	20		Abuse Order as to either Mr. Graham or Mrs. Graham?
Again,	21	Α.	I talked to the Sheriff's Department about that.
	22		I have two different jurisdictions. I live in York
	23		County, and this happened in Cumberland County.
	24	Q	Who did you speak with in the Sheriff's office?
	25	Α.	I had spoke to them about the potential of protection

1		from abuse, that would have been the sheriff. He had
2		real concerns for my safety as well.
3	Q	Who was the sheriff that you spoke with?
4	Α.	Tom Kline.
5	Q	Did Mr. Kline have any personal knowledge, or was it

just what you had told him?

7 A. No. He had prior knowledge of Mr. Graham and his anger

	8		and his outbursts. He was aware of that in the county	•
	9	Q	Did he tell you how he was aware? Did he have any	
someone	10		personal knowledge or was it just something that	
Domeone	11		had told him?	
	12	А.	He didn't tell me how he knew.	
	13	Q	And going back to my original question: Did you seek	a
	14		Protection From Abuse Order from either Mr. Graham or	
	15		Mrs. Graham?	
	16	Α.	I did not.	
	17	Q	Okay. In the line of work that you're in, you're awar	е
	18		that there are Protection From Abuse petitions that ca	n
	19		be filed?	
	20	A.	Yes. I know they're very complicated. And again, from	m
	21		my am I to pay an attorney for all of this again?	
	22	Q	Are you aware that you can do this on your own without	
	23		an attorney?	
	24	Α.	No, I really was not aware of that.	
	25	Q	You had no idea after all the years you've been in thi	s
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	1		criminal justice system you couldn't file a Protection	
	Τ.		criminal justice system you couldn't life a flotection	

4 $\,$ Q $\,$ Did you deal with any of your cases over the years in

I never went through that process. No.

From Abuse on your own?

the	5		which there were PFAs as part of the file or part of
	6		procedure that you dealt with?
	7	Α.	Certainly. But I just was never in that part of the
I'd	8		procedure, in that process. I would send them to
	9		always send it to Legal Services. That's where I would
	10		refer my clients to.
	11	Q	You said it was a complicated procedure. You do have a
	12		master's degree and you're working on a
	13	Α.	Right, Ph.D.
	14	Q	Ph.D. You thought it would be too complicated for
	15		you to be able to fill out?
	16	A.	Not too complicated. I just didn't want to get I
	17		was hoping, like I said, that we could handle this
	18		internally, I did not have to go through the process of
	19		bringing criminal charges against. I had my faith in
	20		the county that they would do what had to be done. And
	21		we were informed that we would be pleased with their
	22		investigation.
	23	Q	Did you ever ask anybody from the county to fill out a
	24		PFA for you?
	25	Α.	No, I did not.

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1 Q The preparation of a PFA, and I don't want you to tell

- 2 me what you may have discussed with legal counsel, but
- 3 did that issue ever come up?
- 4 MS. WALLET: Objection. How can she possibly
- 5 answer that question unless it would call for an answer
- 6 related to a discussion with an attorney? I object and
- 7 I instruct her not to answer.
- 8 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 9 Q You had legal counsel since early '97, correct?
- 10 Relating to these episodes?
- 11 A. In '97, yes, I contacted counsel.
- 12 Q And that would be your current attorney?
- 13 A. Yes, it is.
- 14 Q Have you ever consulted any other attorneys besides
- 15 Attorney Wallet?
- 16 A. As far as the case? No.
- 17 Q Can you tell me when you first retained Attorney

wallet?

- 18 A. I don't have Tony Wallet, I have Debra Wallet.
- 19 Q I said Attorney Wallet, I'm sorry.
- 20 A. I thought you said Tony Wallet.
- 21 MS. WALLET: It's that New York accent.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I don't remember the exact date. I
- know it was spring of '97.
- 24 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 25 Q At any point prior to making your complaint with the

- 1 county, did you ever speak to Mrs. Graham?
- 2 A. There was an occasion she came into the office. I
- 3 remember speaking with her maybe once or twice.
- 4 O Would this be small talk?
- 5 A. Yes. Yes.
- 6 Q Did you ever consider speaking to her about -- speaking
- 7 to her directly about getting counseling?
- 8 A. No. I didn't know her that well, and I didn't have the
- 9 occasion to see her.
- 10 Q Did you ever speak to her about her husband?
- 11 A. No, I did not.
- 12 Q You talked yesterday about an incident involving being
- 13 measured for a bulletproof vest and Mr. Graham made a
- 14 comment?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q Can you tell me when that was?
- 17 A. '96. '95 to '97. '95 to '96. In that time frame. I
- 18 don't remember exactly when it was. I know they were
- 19 talking about, you know, gun training and all that and
- that's the reason we were looking at getting

bulletproof

- 21 vests.
- 22 Q Do you actually wear a bulletproof vest, or did you?
- 23 A. I have, as needed.
- 24 Q Do you remember when you were first issued a

bulletproof

25 vest?

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1 A. I don't remember the date, no.

- 2 Q Can you tell me the year?
- 3 A. I'm guessing '96.
- 4 MS. WALLET: Can I have a five-minute break,
- 5 please?
- 6 MR. MacMAIN: Sure.
- 7 (Recess taken from 2:39 until 2:50 p.m.)
- 8 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 9 Q You had said yesterday you've seen three mental health
- 10 professionals since all this occurred?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q Dr. Morand, Laurie Walker, and Elaine McKenna?
- 13 A. Alaine McKenna, yes.
- 14 Q Who was the first?
- 15 A. Laurie Walker.
- 16 Q Was the first person you saw?
- 17 A. Yes, she was.
- 18 Q How did you come to see Laurie Walker?
- 19 A. Went through the EAP program at work.
- 20 Q Do you recall when you first saw Laurie Walker?
- 21 A. I don't recall the date. Spring of '97.
- 22 Q As a result of the alleged incidents in this case, have
- 23 you sought any type of marital counseling?
- 24 A. I have not.

25 Q Have you had any marital problems as a result of these

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1 incidents? No. It's affected me personally, but not between my husband and I, no. 3 Either during your first marriage or at any time up to 4 0 5 the events in this incident, had you ever sought marital counseling? 6 7 I have not, no. Α. 8 Other than the counseling you got, you've received since 9 these incidents, alleged incidents occurred, have you ever previously sought any type of mental health 10 counseling, either psychologist, psychiatrist, through 11 your church or synagogue? 12 No. I never needed anything till this happened. 13 Α. Have you ever at any point had any type of drug or 14 15 alcohol counseling? 16 Α. No, I've not. 17 Q Have you ever been arrested? 18 Α. No. Very briefly, you spoke this morning about a bomb 19 Q. 20 threat --21 Α. Yes.

- 22 Q -- in 2002. Did anyone in the office come and tell you
- that -- you had pointed to Mr. Osenkarski. Did anyone
- 24 else come --
- 25 A. No. But the ultimate responsibility is with the

- 1 department head.
- 2 Q Do you have people in the office that you consider your
- 3 friends?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q And none of them came and told you about this bomb
- 6 threat?
- 7 A. Most of them were either out of the office or down at
- 8 the other east wing area.
- 9 Q During the two hours, what were you doing for the two
- 10 hours?
- 11 A. Dictating.
- 12 Q Two hours straight of dictating?
- 13 A. Oh, yes.
- 14 Q Who would you give the dictation tapes to?
- 15 A. One of the secretaries.
- 16 Q Any one particular secretary you were assigned to?
- 17 A. No. I'm not assigned to any of them. We have two
- 18 secretaries that do dictating typing for us.

the	19	Q	One of your complaints with Mr. Graham is the use of
	20		F word?
	21	A.	Yes.
	22	Q	Would you agree with me that many of your clients also
	23		use foul language?
	24	Α.	Not around me, they don't.
	25	Q	Your clients don't use profanity at all around you?

	1	A.	My juveniles do not.
profanity?	2	Q	Do you hear other clients in the office using
	3	Α.	Some will get out of hand, but that's not a usual
	4		conversation word that you use. I mean, it's one of
	5		those things, I know people may laugh that I say they
kids	6		don't, but that's one of the things I do not let my
	7		swear at me, the juveniles I supervise, swear at me.
	8		And you don't hear conversation between probation
	9		officers and juveniles using swear words.
	10	Q	The juveniles don't, other juveniles don't use swear
	11		words?
	12	Α.	Well, certainly they use swear words, but for my, when
not	13		I'm in their homes or when I'm supervising them I do
	14		allow that.

to	15	Q	You said earlier today that Mr. Graham wrote a letter
	16		Judge Sheely about political support. Have you ever
	17		seen any document like that?
	18	Α.	No, I've not.
	19	Q	Where did you hear this from?
office	20	Α.	Somebody I'm trying to think. Somebody in the
	21		told me about that. I can't say for sure who. All I
	22		know is I was informed that he had given a letter to
	23		Judge Sheely reminding him of that, but I'm not sure
	24		who.
	25	Q	Do you know if you heard it from more than one person?

	1	A.	I don't recall that. I believe just one person.
	2	Q	Did they say they saw this document or letter?
I	3	Α.	I don't remember if they said they saw it or not. All
	4		know is they said they knew it had been given to Judge
	5		Sheely the day before.
	6	Q	If you would pull up Varner 7, which is the notes that
	7		you kept.
	8	Α.	Okay.
	9	Q	Did someone tell you to keep notes?
	10	A.	My therapist recommended that I do.

11 Q So you started keeping it after you had gone to a

	12		therapist?
	13	A.	No, I started before that. It was just one of those
	14		things that it was more when things started to turn
just	15		ugly, when Mr. Graham started to be nasty to me. I
Jube	16		felt it was necessary for me to document it because
	17		knowing the punishment mode that was in the office, I
	18		figured I better start writing down things or say I
	19		could just feel the tide turning, so to speak.
	20	Q	When did you start keeping this list?
	21	Α.	Looks like the first entry was in November of '96.
	22	Q	Would you agree with me there's things in here that
	23		refer to dates prior to November of '96?
it	24	Α.	I would have to review it. If there was, that's when
	25		was documented.
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1 Q Did someone tell you it might be a good idea to keep a

2 list?

3 A. After I met with my therapist she advised that I do.

4 Q But you had already started keeping the list before you

5 met with your therapist.

6 A. Yes, but she suggested I continue on. And my attorney

also recommended I do this, just for documentation

sake.

	8	Q	So you kept the list but you didn't tell anybody to	ıntıl
	9		the spring of '97, correct?	
	10	A.	Right. Just my therapist, that's correct.	
	11	Q	But prior to the spring of '97 you had not told ar	nybody
	12		at the county or the courts about these various th	nings
	13		that you were keeping a diary on?	
	14	Α.	No. No, I did not.	
	15		MS. WALLET: I have to object to the form of	the
	16		question. Was your question did you tell anyone a	at the
	17		county about the documents? Or did you tell anybo	ody at
	18		the county about the things recorded in the docume	ent?
	19		MR. MacMAIN: I thought the question was clea	ar but
	20		I'll ask it again.	
	21	BY M	IR. MacMAIN:	
	22	Q	Did you tell anybody at the county or the courts a	about
document,	23		the things that you had written about, not the	
	24		but the various things you kept your running list	on
	25		prior to the spring of '97?	
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	1	Α.	Well, some of the things, like things that occurre	ed

with

2 other people, like with Debra Green, she was aware of

3 the document, the things that had happened in here.

4 Q If you turn to about halfway through, the pages that

	5		have dates and just little notations next to them?
	6	Α.	Right, right.
	7	Q	The first page will have, looks like a 30 with a slash
	8		and a 6 at the top?
	9	Α.	Right.
	10	Q	And then the list of dates appears to go on for four
	11		pages?
	12	Α.	Yes.
	13	Q	Can you tell me where these dates came from?
know,	14	Α.	These were from daily logs. My daily logs of, you
	15		daily activities. I was trying to compile a list of
	16		trips I had taken with Mr. Graham, or any trips I had
	17		taken.
	18	Q	Where did these dates come from? Did these come from a
	19		calendar that you kept?
	20	Α.	No. From my daily logs, daily we turn in every two
	21		weeks.
	22	Q	And you believe that these are all the trips that you
	23		had taken with Mr. Graham?
	24	Α.	Some are not with Graham. They're just lists of
with	25		there are a few that are not, but most of them were

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1 Mr. Graham.

- 2 Q Why did you write all these down? What was the reason
- 3 why you did this list?
- 4 A. It was in compiling all the paperwork for this.
- 5 Q Why specifically would you keep a list of all the trips
- 6 that you had taken primarily with Mr. Graham?
- 7 A. In preparation, after I started filing this and we
- 8 started realizing how many, just looking at the
- 9 documentation, trying to compile a list of how many
- 10 trips I had taken with him.
- 11 Q Were these dates that someone at the county suggested
- 12 you write down or check into?
- 13 A. No. I believe the conversation was with my attorney
- 14 about this.
- 15 Q If you turn a few pages back, five pages from the end
- 16 the document?

of

- 17 A. Five pages from the back?
- 18 Q From the back. At the top it will say called
- 19 Ms. Something, I can't read the name, it says 8/4.
- 20 A. Called Ms. Gamiter.
- 21 Q Right.
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q Who is Ms. Gamiter?
- 24 A. She was from the EEOC.
- 25 Q Is this a narration of a conversation you had with Miss

- 1 Gamiter?
- 2 A. No. I was just noting the day I called her.
- 3 Q Looking at the entry for 5/29 --
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q Called to Dave, it says, parenthesis. Who's Dave?
- 6 A. Dave Deluce.
- 7 Q And then after that it says, need to tell him, and
- 8 there's a series of names?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. The first name is Andy --
- 11 A. Anderson.
- 12 Q Who is Andy Anderson?
- 13 A. He's assistant sheriff.
- 14 Q Assistant chair what?
- 15 A. Cumberland County.
- 16 Q Why did you --
- MS. WALLET: I'm sorry, I think she said sheriff.
- 18 MR. MacMAIN: I thought you said chair.
- 19 MS. WALLET: I can translate between Philadelphia
- and Harrisburg.
- 21 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 22 Q What did you need to tell Mr. Deluce about Andy --
- 23 A. Anderson.
- 24 Q -- Anderson?
- 25 A. These were names that were, people were telling me of

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	1		people that Mr. Graham had had arguments with or gott	en
	2		in arguments with over the last years.	
	3	Q	Andy I assume is a guy?	
	4	Α.	Yes, he is.	
	5	Q	The next name is DJ Paula Correal?	
	6	Α.	Yes.	
	7	Q	And that also was someone who you understood that	
	8		Mr. Graham had had an argument with?	
	9	Α.	Yes.	
to	10	Q	Where do these names come from? Who gave these names	
	11		you?	
	12	Α.	They were just names that were given to me by people	in
	13		the office. Well, Gary Shuey, I had heard him yellin	.g
one	14		at him. Wendy Hoverter herself had told me, she was	
	15		of the supervisors at Children and Youth, she had tol	d
	16		me about an argument, that was before, you know, year	S
	17		ago.	
she	18		And Sarah Costicki, I'm not sure who I think	
	19		might have been a victim witness person, I believe.	
	20		This information was given to me I believe Sarah w	as
	21		from Kerry Houser.	

And Paula Correal, I don't remember who but

somebody in the office. It was just a list of names

that he had screamed at or had an argument that he was

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angry at them.

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A. Yes.

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1	Q	They weren't people that Mr. Graham had allegedly
2		sexually harassed, just that he had words with?
3	Α.	Yelled and screamed at them, that's all I knew.
4	Q	And DJ Paula Correal, she's the district justice that
5		found Mrs. Graham not guilty of harassment?
6	A.	She's the district justice who heard the hearing, who
7		heard the
8	Q	And she found Mrs. Graham not guilty of harassment?
9	Α.	She, as I said before, she told Mrs. Graham to not
10		repeat the behavior and that she felt it would be
11		handled in another court.
12	Q	I'm not going to quibble with you over what was said,
13		but Mrs. Graham was not convicted of the charges that
14		were brought?
15	Α.	She was not convicted, that's correct.
16	Q	Have you ever spoken to DJ Paula Correal about him?
17	Α.	No, I've not.
18	Q	How about Andy Anderson?
19	Α.	I have not.
20	Q	How about Wendy Hoverter?

Q Ever spoken to her about Mr. Graham?

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and so forth?

have

her.

A.

Yes.

24 And does she have a claim that Mr. Graham had ever 25 sexually harassed her? Barbara Varner 408 No. Just screamed. 1 Α. 2 How about, same question with regard to Gary Shuey, 0 3 you ever spoken to him about Mr. Graham? No. I overheard him screaming at Mr. Shuey. 4 Α. 5 How about Sarah Costicki? I don't -- I've only heard the name. I do not know 6 Α. 7 You talked this morning about Mr. Osenkarski getting Q 8 shoes donated and then using them for personal use? That's correct. 9 Α. 10 You did also get a pair of shoes from Mr. Osenkarski 0 from the same group of free shoes? 11 I did not. 12 Α. 13 You didn't take any for your son or your daughter, your 14 grandson? 15 I did not, no. Α. Was it your understanding that these shoes were, in 16

fact, donated in large part to charitable organizations

but	19	Α.	They were supposed to be given to detention center	s,
	20		Mr. Graham had told me not to ever say anything to	
	21		anybody, especially Mr. Osenkarski, that nobody wa	s to
	22		know that they were doing this. So it was obvious	ly
	23		if it was just for that purpose there was no reaso	n for
	24		the secrecy. But that was kept very I was to k	eep
	25		that very confidential.	
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	1	Q	How did you even know about it?	
	2	Α.	He had taken pairs he told me he was picking th	em

He had taken pairs -- he told me he was picking them up. They would go down and pick up several boxes with a 3 trailer of his. And on one of the trips, when I spoke 4 5 about going up to Clarks Summit to pick up a girl and taking her to New Jersey, he had several pairs of shoes 6 7 in the car for his sister and for his niece and he gave them to them. 8 When you're talking about he, is that Mr. Graham or 9 Mr. Osenkarski? 10 11 Mr. Graham. Α. 12 And you at no point ever took any shoes for yourself --Q I did not take --13 Α. -- or your family members? 14 No. I did not. 15 Α.

	16	Q	You were asked some questions this morning about who
was			
	17		involved in this conspiracy, who you believe was
	18		involved in this conspiracy, and you mentioned Mr. and
	19		Mrs. Graham and you had also said you believe Judge
	20		Sheely was involved in this conspiracy. Do you recall
	21		answering that question?
questioned	22	Α.	I remember having a discussion on that, being
	23		about that.
there	24	Q	Do you believe that Judge Sheely wanted to believe
	25		had been an affair?

	1	Α.	I think Judge Sheely wanted to resolve the thing and I
	2		believe he was very sympathetic to Mrs. Graham because
	3		of her crying.
there	4	Q	Was it your belief that Judge Sheely doesn't think
	5		was an affair, this whole thing was a hatched plan?
	6	Α.	I don't think Judge Sheely really knows what happened,
	7		and I don't think he was willing to look into it more
	8		than what he did, from that one time, the alleged
	9		confession.
understand	10	Q	You made reference to a long meeting that you
	11		took place between Mr. Graham, his wife and David

	12		Foster?
	13	A.	That's correct.
	14	Q	Do you believe Mr. Foster is in on this conspiracy?
	15	A.	I don't know that.
	16	Q	And it's your belief that Mr. Graham made up this whole
	17		story about the affair?
	18	Α.	Yes, it is my belief.
	19	Q	And you believe he would reveal or make up this story
	20		about an affair and jeopardize his marriage?
	21	Α.	He always told me that there's no fear of divorce
	22		because his wife's Catholic and she'll never leave him.
	23	Q	You believe that Mr. Graham would make up this story at
	24		the expense of hurting his children?
	25	Α.	What I heard about Mr. Graham about smashing the
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	1		birthday cake and such, I don't think his agenda was
	1		
	2		what was best for his children. His agenda appeared to
	3		be what was best for him.
accusation	4	Q	Did you ever speak to your husband about this
	5		of having an affair with Mr. Graham?
	6	Α.	Yes, I did.
	7	Q	When did you discuss it with your husband?
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A. When the allegations were first made, when this whole

	9		thing, with Judge Sheely, the day after I spoke, or the
	10		day of my speaking with Judge Sheely.
	11	Q	And I assume you told your husband there wasn't an
	12		affair?
	13	Α.	It never came up. He knows I did not have an affair.
	14	Q	Did you have a discussion with him about it?
	15	Α.	He didn't ask me if I did or not. He knows I did not.
	16	Q	He didn't question you at all?
	17	Α.	No. I told him I did not, and he believed me.
	18	Q	Just a couple questions. In your Complaint you talked
	19		about yesterday, and I'll just read the portions I'm
	20		specifically interested in, paragraph 54, you made the
	21		allegation that individuals Graham and Osenkarski have
	22		aided and abetted violations of the PHRA by directly
the	23		discriminating against Varner and by conspiring with
the	24		county and the Court to engage in acts which violate
	25		PHRA.

to	1		Can you tell me what specifically Mr. Graham did
	2		conspire with Mr. Osenkarski and/or the courts and/or
	3		the county?
	4	A.	I believe there's discussion between him and
	5		Mr. Osenkarski about the case, about what they just

- discussion on the case. I think there was discussion
- 7 with Judge Sheely about the case, without us being
- 8 involved.
- 9 Q Do you believe that Mr. Graham and Mr. Osenkarski spoke
- 10 to Judge Sheely together, the two of them?
- 11 A. I believe Mr. Graham did and I believe Mr. Osenkarski
- 12 did as well, yes.
- 13 Q Do you believe that -- tell me specifically what you
- 14 believe Mr. Osenkarski's role in this conspiracy is.
- 15 A. I believe there was a discussion with Judge Sheely and
- 16 even with Judge Hoffer about this whole case. I think
- 17 there's an ongoing rapport between all of them about
- 18 this case.
- 19 Q Can you point to any specific dates or months you think
- these conversations have taken place?
- 21 A. I would not be privileged to the dates and times. I
- just feel it was an ongoing discussion.
- 23 Q You believe the conspiracy is continuing to today?
- 24 A. I think it is. I think that there's -- not, maybe not
- 25 with Mr. Graham and Judge Hoffer, but with

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- 1 Mr. Osenkarski and Judge Hoffer, yes.
- 2 Q I show you a document I don't think we've marked

before.

- This will be Varner 16. We'll have to make copies.
- 4 (Varner Deposition Exhibit No. 16 was marked.)
- 5 BY MR. MacMAIN:
- 6 Q I just want to ask you about one reference. We're
- 7 looking at Varner 16, a memo from Dan Hartnett to you
- 8 April 25, 1997. There appears to be a Post-It note on
- 9 the upper right-hand corner. Dan, slash, Dave to let
- 10 you know Joe and Gary both have guns locked in our
- 11 office with ammo locked in a closet, Barb Varner.
- 12 Did you write that?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- 14 Q Do you believe that Mr. Graham and Mr. Osenkarski had a
- 15 locked gun?
- 16 A. Yes, they did.
- 17 Q And have you actually seen these guns?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q Did anybody else see these guns?
- 20 A. Yes. Everybody in the office knew they were there.
- 21 Q And you've actually seen those guns locked in the gun
- 22 cabinet?
- 23 A. Yes, I have.
- Q When did you see them?
- 25 A. Just as soon as we started getting guns, we would see

	1		them. We would go through the process of breaking down
	2		the guns. There was also people involved in gun
months	3		training. I saw them as recently as just several
	4		ago.
	5	Q	Would you agree with me that other people in the
	6		Department use guns as part of their job?
	7	Α.	We're not allowed to carry guns.
	8	Q	Do you know Mr. Graham to carry a gun?
	9	Α.	Yes, he did carry a gun.
	10	Q	When did you see him carry a gun?
	11	Α.	He had a gun in his private vehicle.
	12	Q	When?
	13	Α.	When we were transporting.
	14	Q	Each of the times you transported?
	15	A.	No. I just remember seeing him have one.
particular	16	Q	Can you recall any of the dates on either the
	17		trips either by name, by location, by client?
	18	A.	No. I was just aware that he did have one.
	19	Q	Did you ever see the gun?
	20	A.	In his glove compartment, yes.
	21	Q	Did you open the glove compartment? Did he open it?
	22		How did you know it was in there?
	23	Α.	I believe he opened it and he showed the gun to me.
	24	Q	Can you tell me what the gun looked like?
	25	Α.	I don't know guns. It was an automatic, the semi

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1		smaller semiautomatics.
2	Q	Can you tell me what color it was?
3	Α.	Black, black and gray, I don't know.
4	Q	Did you see it on more than one occasion?
5	Α.	No.
6	Q	Since these incidents occurred, have you had any type
7		flashbacks or nightmares about Mr. Graham?
8	Α.	I have had those, yes.
9	Q	Like when?
10	Α.	It was '97, '98, in that time, when I first started
11		therapy. And more recently. A lot of the flashbacks
12		stuff now have occurred because of the bomb scare.
13	Q	Any of the flashbacks prior to the bomb scare, what
14		specifically were you flashing back to?
15	Α.	What I recall, a lot would be going back in his office
16		and the screaming at me. There were times I would
17		remember the speed of the car we were in. A lot of
18		times my concern would be the children in the car. I
19		remember having a kid in the car and him driving so
20		quickly. But I can remember the fear I had, especially
21		at a man screaming at me going that fast. I would
22		remember that.
23		It was more like a repeated getting screamed at,
24		going back and opening the handle of that door, turning

the door and not knowing what was waiting for me, the

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- 1 screaming or what was going to happen. Just bits and
- 2 pieces of that.
- 3 Q Was this in a car or in an office that you were --
- 4 Α. You mean when I would have the --
- 5 The flashbacks, were you in a car or were you in the
- 6 office?
- 7 At times it was in the car and at times it was in the
- office. More in the office than in the car. 8
- 9 How often would you have these nightmares?
- It's not a -- I can't pinpoint. It was just all of a 10 Α.
- 11 sudden it would for something would click, when I was
- going back to the office or something, that would just 12
- click it in. 13
- Did you ever receive any kind of medication for any 14
- sleep disabilities? 15
- 16 Α. No.
- Do you have any difficulty getting in cars? 17
- 18 Α. No.
- 19 Or fear of driving in car? Q
- No. No. 20 Α.
- Currently do you have any difficulty sleeping? 21 Q
- 22 Α. Off and on, I do. Either I'll sleep a lot or I won't
- sleep at all. 23

- Q Can you tell me why you have difficulty sleeping?
- 25 A. I wake up and I can't get back to sleep. More anxiety

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- 1 type behaviors. Nervous stomach.
- 2 MR. MacMAIN: That's all the questions I have.
- 3 Thanks.
- 4 BY MR. THOMAS:
- 5 Q Barb, just a couple. On the page in what has been
- 6 marked as P-7, your notes?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q The last entry on that, I think it's the seventh page
- 9 from the end, there's a date June 2nd. Are you with
- 10 A. Yes.

me?

- 11 Q Can you read that entry for me? It's not legible on my
- 12 copy.
- 13 A. It says: Call from Dave -- I'm referring to Dave
- 14 Deluce -- told all the new information from last week
- 15 and other names. And those would be the names of
- 16 Correal, Costicki, those ones we reviewed about
- 17 Mr. Graham yelling at them.
- 18 Q Those are listed in the entry or two above that?
- 19 A. Yes. And it says that Dave Deluce says he knows Sarah
- 20 and that Gary is scared. Referring to Sara Costicki.

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Α.

Yes.

23 MR. THOMAS: I would simply note for the record 24 that these notes which are contained in Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 and 8 were not previously supplied to us. 25 Barbara Varner 418 Some of them are not legible here today. I've not had 1 2 an opportunity to review them in detail, and some of 3 them I can't read. I will ask Deb for the opportunity to review the originals, and depending on what I find in 5 them, if there's something there that has not been 6 adequately covered in the deposition, I would reserve 7 the right to request to recall Mrs. Varner to question 8 her about anything here, since the documents were not 9 earlier produced and should have been. 10 With that, I have nothing further. MS. WALLET: For the record, I'd like to note that 11 they were produced in July with a specific note that 12 13 they were being sent to the requesting counsel and that 14 they would be made available at any mutually convenient 15 time or a set would be produced. MR. THOMAS: If fairness, they should have been 16 17 provided to each counsel and served on them. I don't 18 know whether -- I don't want to get in a fight over it.

	19	I don't know whether that's adequate or not. The fact
been	20	of the matter is, they weren't produced before today,
	21	and I saw them for the first time this morning. And it
	22	may be that there's nothing there. She's obviously
	23	examined intensively, and I know that some of these
	24	notes were probably used in conjunction with the
	25	Complaint, so I'm not sure there will be any surprises.

1		Let me ask her one question about that.
2	BY ME	R. THOMAS:
3	Q	Barb, these notes that you've testified about
4		extensively today I assume were made contemporaneous
5		with the dates that are contained in the notes; is that
6		correct?
7	Α.	That's correct.
8	Q	So for instance, on the first page I see a note of
9		December 16th, and as I understand that note, then,
10		would have been transcribed by you on that date, the
11		date of December 16th, correct?
12	Α.	That's correct.
13	Q	So they were made contemporaneous with whatever date
14		appears on the particular page, and there are 28 pages
15		of notes here or something like that, right?

A. The only one that would be an exception would be the

	17		trips that I went back through to try to compile that
	18		off my daily logs.
between	19	Q	And to the extent that there may be any conflict
	20		your recollection as you've described it over the last
agree	21		two days, and these notes, I assume that you would
	22		the notes would be more accurate than your recollection
	23		today some years after the events? Is that fair?
	24	Α.	I would think so.
	25		MR. THOMAS: That's all I have.

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1 MR. ADAMS: I have a few more questions. It won't 2 take long. BY MR. ADAMS: 3 4 Ms. Varner, do you have any correspondence, notes, 5 memos or any document or piece of evidence at all 6 supporting your claim that Mr. Osenkarski's conspired 7 against you in violation of PHRC? I don't have paperwork. I've just heard that he's had 8 Α. 9 conversations with Judge Hoffer. Who did you hear that from? 10 At this time I can't recall names. It's just been 11 Α. information, word of mouth in the office. 12

Okay. So would you agree at this time you can't

claim	14	identify any witness person at all to support your
	15	that can testify and support your claim that
of	16	Mr. Osenkarski has conspired against you in violation
	17	PHRC? Is that correct?
	18	MS. WALLET: I'm sorry, did you say witness?
	19	MR. ADAMS: Witness or person who can testify in
	20	support of her claims of a violation by Mr. Osenkarski.
	21	THE WITNESS: I think the fact that I was kept out
discussion	22	of that office for four years, and that was a
	23	between Mr. Osenkarski and Judge Hoffer, I think
	24	whatever that discussion was, Mr. Osenkarski I'm sure
	25	and Judge Hoffer was aware that it was a public office.

	I'm sure there was discussion, and to me, that was a
	retaliation.
BY MR.	. ADAMS:
Q	But did you hear that discussion? Did you hear any
	remnants of that discussion yourself?
A.	From Mr. Osenkarski, yes.
Q	You heard from Mr. Osenkarski that he was going to
	conspire against you?
	Ω A.

9 A. Well, no. That he had met with Judge Hoffer and that

he

	10		had been given this direction to keep me out of there.
that	11		To me, even those two talking about it is something
	12		is illegal to keep me out of a public office.
	13	Q	But you don't know, yourself, from anything you heard,
	14		that Mr. Osenkarski conspired against you in violation
	15		of the PHRC; is that correct? Yes or No.
	16	A.	I'm just trying to think.
	17		I did not personally witness that.
	18	Q	And you can't identify any person at all who witnessed
	19		or heard any type of conversation by Mr. Osenkarski or
	20		Judge Hoffer that would be in violation of the PHRC
	21		based on conspiracy?
	22	A.	I think those two would be the ones to be able to
	23		testify because it would have been private information,
	24		private conversations.
conversation	25 ns	Q	Would you agree that's strictly related to

1		between Judge Hoffer and Mr. Osenkarski, so only one of
2		the two of them or both of them can testify to that?
3	Α.	That's correct.
4	Q	Okay. And do you have any correspondence, note, memo,
5		documentation or any shred of evidence at all

supporting

the	6		your claim that Mr. Osenkarski purposely left you in
	7		building during the bomb threat that you spoke of?
	8	Α.	There was no effort to get me out and he knew I was
	9		there.
	10	Q	Well, I'm sorry. The question is: Do you have any
	11		documentation, any note, correspondence, any memo,
	12		anything that you can turn to as a piece of evidence to
	13		say this supports your claim?
	14	A.	That he actually said I'm going to leave her behind?
	15		No.
	16	Q	Okay.
	17	A.	I don't have that, but I believe there was well he
	18		was well informed, he knew I was there. He had all
	19		reason to believe I was there.
	20	Q	Okay. Can you identify any person at all that can
	21		testify to support your claim that Mr. Osenkarski
scare	22		purposely left you in the building during the bomb
Scarc	23		you spoke of?
	24	A.	I would not have any witnesses except my own testimony
	25		that I was left behind and he knew I was there.

1 Mr. ADAMS: Okay. No further questions.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: I have nothing further.

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                 MR. THOMAS: Nothing further.
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                 MS. WALLET: I have no questions for this witness.
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                 (Whereupon, the deposition was concluded at
            3:26 p.m.)
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